

Murder charge filed

GRANITE CITY — A first-degree murder warrant was issued by the county State's Attorney's office Friday afternoon following the death of a comatose Granite City woman earlier in the day.

Charged with the death of his wife, Ruth E. Hopkins, is Ernest Lee Hopkins Jr., 56.

Authorities arrested Hopkins at 5:51 p.m. Friday, and he has since been transported to Madison County Jail. He was out on bond and had been awaiting a court hearing on an aggravated battery charge in connection with the earlier stage of the case. He had been free since

Dec. 7, the day after the alleged beating, after posting \$5,002 bail on his \$50,000 bond.

The newest bond has been set at \$100,000, authorities said.

Hopkins lives in the 2100 block of Garfield Avenue, where the alleged beating took place.

Det. Sgt. David Ruebhausen said the first-degree murder warrant was approved by the state's attorney at around 5 p.m. Friday. Mrs. Hopkins, 56, was declared dead at 3:03 p.m. Friday.

On Dec. 6, a police officer went to the home to assist an ambulance crew at 7:10 a.m.

Ruth Hopkins was found face up on the kitchen floor with severe bruises on her face and other parts of her body, a police report said.

After the alleged beating, Mrs. Hopkins was initially taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City and then later transferred by helicopter to Christian Northeast Hospital. Her husband was arrested on the aggravated battery charge at SEMC.

Gary Ripley, a brother of the woman, said doctors told him from the start that she would not live through the injuries. She

was on a breathing machine the entire stay at the hospital, he said.

Ripley said four family members, including the couple's grown adopted daughter, Susan Baechler, were present as life support systems were withdrawn from Mrs. Hopkins. Ernest Hopkins was not present, Ripley said.

Ripley said family members, including Hopkins, had debated during the last couple of weeks on whether the supports should be withdrawn. Baechler consulted at least three different attorneys during the process, Ripley said.

Venice man charged in shooting

VENICE — A Venice man who allegedly shot a woman in the face was charged Friday with aggravated battery and with unlawful use of a weapon by a felon.

Willie "Bull" Shirden, 41, of Venice was charged in the Dec. 20 shooting of Tracey Bartley, 27, of the 1200 block of Bissell Street, Venice.

Police have been unable to talk with the victim, who was admitted to a St. Louis area hospital, Police Sgt. Earl Koed said.

Bartley suffered a gunshot wound through the left cheek. The bullet exited through the right side of the mouth. She was in serious but stable condition Thursday.

Bartley is believed to have (See SHOOTING, Page 6A)

Janice Brimberry: \$19 million tax bill, federal indictment

By Andy Stiering
Staff writer

EAST ST. LOUIS — Janice A. Brimberry got a huge "lump of coal" for Christmas — a \$19 million tax bill and a federal indictment.

A federal grand jury in East St. Louis indicted her Thursday on charges of tax evasion and lying to the Internal Revenue Service.

Brimberry, 42, was the wife of Thomas R. Brimberry, who was convicted five years ago of masterminding the \$16 million looting of the Stix & Co. brokerage in St. Louis.

The woman who once took lavish shopping trips to Europe, and who lived in a million-dollar mansion in Granite City and a \$500,000 home in Phoenix, Ariz., now lives in a one-story bungalow with a broken storm door on Washington Avenue in Granite City.

Located there Friday, she declined to answer a reporter's questions concerning Thursday's indictment.

Tom Brimberry was convicted in two trials in 1983 and 1984 and is currently at the U.S. prison in Marion, Ill., serving two 10-year terms.

The two-count indictment of Janice Brimberry charges her with under-reporting assets and attempting to evade payment of \$19.4 million, including taxes, interest and penalties.

The indictment alleges she filed a false IRS information in November 1987, listing zero assets. The indictment is related to an undercover operation conducted in March by IRS agents, who alleged purchasing \$85,000 worth of jewelry from her at the Collinsville Hilton hotel, now the Holiday Inn.

A second count alleges she attempted to conceal assets and evade payment of taxes between 1975 and 1981 while her husband was involved in the Stix swindle. The two filed joint income tax returns.

Brimberry was linked to helping her husband create phony stock certificates used to withdraw large amounts of money from 10 securities accounts he controlled at the brokerage, where he rose to senior vice president. However, no charges were filed against her prior to last week.

She was granted immunity from prosecution in 1983 after she agreed to testify against some of the principals in the Stix looting.

Janice Brimberry was arraigned Thursday at the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis and was freed on a \$50,000 bond. If convicted, she could face eight years imprisonment and fines of \$500,000 plus the expense of prosecution.

U.S. Attorney Frederick J. Hess said last week the government will attempt to show she has had control of substantial assets, including funds and property recorded under other names.

Allen fan charged twice

By Dennis Grubaugh
Managing editor

EDWARDSVILLE — A Pontoon Beach man who created controversy last spring when he campaigned for the former Madison County state's attorney was charged Thursday with felony counts in unrelated cases in both Madison and Clinton counties.

Ronnie Martin, 35, a resident of Victoria Drive, was charged with arson in a felony warrant issued in Clinton County. At press time he was being held in the county jail in Carle in lieu of \$500,000 bond.

Martin gained local notoriety when he couldn't find a home for a 40-foot double-sided Re-elect Dick Allen sign. Witnesses reported watching him assemble the sign on the National Food

Store parking lot. After being told to remove it, Martin moved the sign to a vacant lot in Madison. It was moved again after Mayor John Belcoff ordered it out of the city.

A Clinton Sheriff's Department official said Friday that Martin was charged in connection with setting fire to a Ford Escort automobile with intent to defraud an insurer on July 6. More specific information was not available because of the Christmas break.

Martin was also charged Thursday in a five-count felony information warrant issued by the Madison County State's Attorney's Office for his alleged failure to be licensed and keep records as an automobile parts recycler, at a business he owns

on Pontoon Road in Pontoon Beach.

The local charges are the result of an investigation conducted mainly by the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, in cooperation with the county's state's attorney and the Pontoon Beach Police Department, said State's Attorney William Haine. Bond was set at \$75,000 by Associate Judge Dan Stack.

The local violations are alleged to have occurred between Oct. 1 and Dec. 13, records indicate. Martin allegedly acquired motor vehicles and sold them to a scrap processor without obtaining a license to do so, and failed to maintain records that showed his right to possession of the vehicles or (See MARTIN, Page 6A)



(Photo by Susie Thomas Harris)

THE RED-NOSED REINDEER: Four-year-old Perry Manning, who attends the Humpty Dumpty Child Development Center, plays Santa's famous reindeer Rudolph during a Christmas program presented at the Granite City Township Hall. The Carousel Nursery School and Humpty Dumpty center presented the joint program for a standing-room-only crowd of more than 500 Wednesday night.

Pieper closes doors

GRANITE CITY — Pieper Funeral Home, 1929 Cleveland Blvd., will close its doors Dec. 31.

The Pieper family has operated a funeral home at that location since 1932.

In a prepared statement, directors Ann and Larry Pieper thanked the many friends they had served.

"We are pleased to announce our association with the Randall Irwin Chapels Jan. 1, 1989," the statement said. "We are looking forward to continue serving the families of this community with dignity and dedication. Wishing you happiness and peace this blessed holiday season."

Food, toys bring joy at Christmas

By Andy Stiering
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — "Everybody must have had a baby in '88," said Salvation Army-Capt. Sandy Hartley.

She was referring to the fact that all the toys collected for distribution to needy families were gone by noon Thursday from the chapel at the Salvation Army Community Center, 3007 E. 23rd St.

The shortage necessitated placing an emergency toy order for 800 more toys with a wholesaler in St. Louis, and most of the additional toys were gone by mid-Friday afternoon. Only children under 13 were eligible.

The local Salvation Army took applications for food and toys during two weeks preceding Thanksgiving, said Capt. Curtis Hartley.

Several hundred of the appli-

cations were given to such groups as the Granite City Fire Department, the Granite City High School student body and area churches, which filled the requests with food and toys they collected.

Applicants had to meet the same financial guidelines as recipients of Illinois public aid, the Hartleys said. More than 1,200 applications were received.

The corps responded to those applications Thursday and Friday morning and then filled additional orders Friday afternoon. Hartley said the Salvation Army spent \$15,000 cash on food, over and above the canned goods donated.

An enthusiastic, jovial group of volunteers manned the conveyor belt Friday afternoon, passing out canned goods.

"Don't forget to mention our (See JOY, Page 6A)



(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS: Granite Cityan Elzie Evans, left, moves 2 lbs. of canned and dry goods down a conveyor line as volunteers fill it with eggs, fresh produce, bread and a chicken. The workers, from left, are Gertha Bradley, Exie McKeel, Doris Stark and Dorothy Prothro.



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A burglar Christmas Day obtained about \$120 in currency and \$60 in change from a tin box and china bowl located in a desk in the rectory of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Eastern Orthodox Church.

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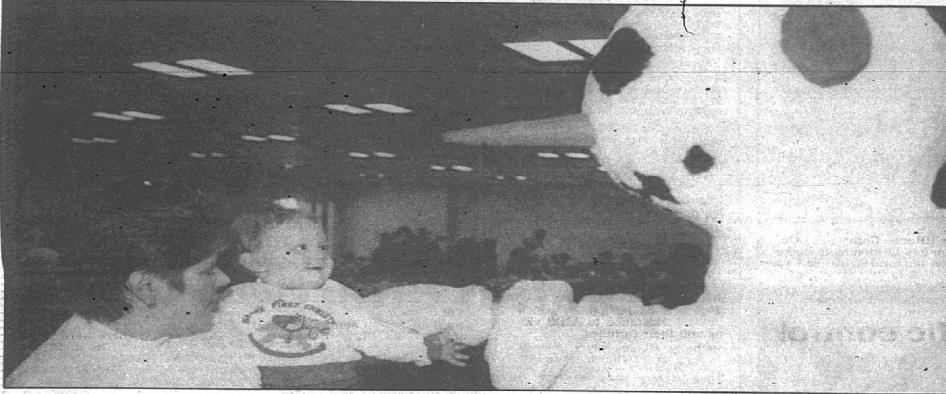
THE OFFICE OF THE Press-Record/Journal will be closed on the next two Mondays as staff celebrates the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Issue dates will still remain Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday throughout the two holidays, but those wishing to submit advertising or news items are advised to do so as early as possible because cutoff dates for acceptance have been adjusted during the interim.



CHRISTMAS FOR THE KIDS: Children and adults alike enjoyed conversation with familiar holiday faces at the "Join Santa for Breakfast" event held Dec. 17 at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College. The breakfast, sponsored by the Student Activities Office, featured storytelling, cartoons, coloring and visits with Mr. and Mrs. Santa and their helpers. At upper left, Bill Kolliste, 3, of Granite City, gives a playful tug to Frosty the Snowman's nose. At lower left,

Debbie Henke and her 10-month-old son, Michael Henke, both of Granite City, talk to Frosty the Snowman. Below right, Willi Connolly (left), 2, of Granite City, waves to Santa. He attended with his father, Will Connolly. Above, Maggie Roni (left), 2, of Granite City chats with two of Santa's helpers, Michelle Cooper (center) of Granite City, a student at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College, and Amy Biggs (right) of Collinsville.

(Photos by John Swistak Jr.)



Local woman receives top Easter Seal honor

Patricia Rigney, of Granite City, was the recipient of the Illinois Easter Seal Society's highest award, Volunteer of the Year, at the annual meeting of the Illinois Society in Decatur.

The selection of the recipient was made by the Volunteer Award Committee of the State Board of Directors. The award honors a volunteer who has given distinguished service to an Easter Seal affiliate.

It is awarded to an individual in recognition of meritorious contributions in fulfilling the mission of the Easter Seal Society and in perpetuating the ideals of the Society and the nature of its work.

Rigney has devoted nearly 30 years of service to the Easter Seal Society of Southwestern Illinois in Alton as a member of the board of directors. She has served as chairman of the

Development Committee for three years and, as such, has approved the annual fund-raising plan for the society.

In 1983, she established and organized a weekly bingo game at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City and continues to oversee this operation and the bingo volunteers.

Rigney has also participated and recruited numerous teams for Easter Seal bowl-a-thons, and last year was responsible for raising more than \$1,000 in pledge money. She has also been actively involved with the Annual Ball and Benefit Auction for 14 years.

As personnel director at the Granite City K mart, Rigney has actively worked for hiring people with disabilities. She works with churches, organizations and other businesses advocating the employment of people with disabilities.

Rocklage new director of Edgewood-Edwardsville

Al Rocklage has been appointed the new director of Edgewood's Chemical Dependency Unit in Edwardsville.

He succeeds Bill Grady, who held the post for the past two years.

"I'm very enthusiastic about the job," Rocklage said. "I'm looking forward to meeting and working with people in the unit and at the medical center."

The Edgewood-Edwardsville facilities are owned by St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Rocklage began working for the Edgewood program in 1974 as a consultant and later as a supervisor in the Pastoral Care Department.

He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Cardinal Glennon College and a master's degree in divinity from Kenrick Seminary.

Rocklage also has completed extensive training in chemical dependency and clinical pastoral



Al Rocklage

education at the Hazelden Foundation in Minnesota, one of the nation's most highly-regarded programs.

Garbage delayed

GRANITE CITY — Garbage and trash pickups will be delayed throughout the city by one day during the Christmas and New Year weeks.

Those whose garbage is normally picked up on Friday will have it picked up on Saturday.



AMVETS' Santa

AMVETS' Santa greets children

About 60 children greeted Santa Claus when he arrived by fire truck at a Christmas party Dec. 17 hosted by Madison AMVETS Post 204.

Santa gave out gifts and presided over movie showings and refreshments.

In the evening, about 200 members and wives enjoyed dinner and dancing at the post hall, 1711 Kennedy Drive.

New industrial courses at BAC

In addition to machine shop, sheet metal and electrical courses currently offered by Belleville Area College in Granite City, three new courses will be added for the spring semester which begins Jan. 16.

Residential Wiring, Residential Plumbing and Industrial Robotics will be offered at the BAC Industrial Training Center, 1417

State St., Granite City.

Residential Wiring will cover the fundamentals of electrical wiring and will meet from 5:30 to 9:50 p.m. Wednesdays.

Residential Plumbing will teach step-by-step repairs and replacement of fixtures and the installation of plumbing systems. This class will meet from 5:30 to 9:50 p.m. Tuesdays.

Industrial Robotics is a course intended for persons with some knowledge of microprocessors and who are interested in the future of robots in the workplace. The class will meet from 5:30 to 9:50 p.m. Thursdays.

Early registration for all industrial courses is being encouraged, as classes begin Jan. 16.

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Heavy industry zoning granted for GC Steel

By Mike Myers

GRANITE CITY — Nine residential lots in the midst of Granite City Steel's heavy industrial sea have their land area grow smaller Tuesday.

As part of its addition of a second continuous caster, Granite City Steel requested that the area it owns in the four city blocks between 20th and 21st streets from Omaha Street to Edwardsville Road be rezoned from R-3 residential to M-3 heavy industrial. The request included only the land it owned.

Granite City Steel also asked that the city vacate two alleys in the area.

Both requests were approved by the aldermen by an 8-2 vote with two abstentions.

Two of the residents, James Walsh and Bill Dallas, addressed the City Council and asked the aldermen to deny the request. Attorney Leo Konzen spoke on behalf of Granite City Steel. In other zoning action, the City Council gave approval to the final plat of Central Plaza

West, a shopping center on Fehling Road; approved a variance to construct a garage at 3025 Maryville Road; and denied a variance to build a deck at 3136 Yale Drive.

The aldermen passed an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow zoning of small areas abutting large areas — zoned as a less restrictive district — to apply for less restrictive zoning as an expansion of the abutting district but not necessarily at the level of the original less restricted zone.

What this means, 7th Ward Alderman Jeff Worthen said, is that if someone in a residential district abutting a heavy industrial district wants to change the zoning of an area, not large enough to qualify for change on its own, to allow light business, the person can apply as an extension of the industrial district and be zoned as light commercial.

Council members also approved annexation into the city of a residence at 23 Snowbird Lane.



LITTLE ANGELS: Sporting halos, children in Dorina Knight's afternoon kindergarten class at Mitchell School rehearse for their Christmas show. The children sang a variety of songs for parents and guests during the show.

Friday afternoon. Here they demonstrate what "bad little children" will be doing Christmas Day as they sing about Santa's arrival. The morning kindergarten also performed Friday morning.

CUB opposes Bell phone rate plan

By Dennis McMurray

Staff affiliate

SPRINGFIELD — The City of Springfield Utility Board said Tuesday it will fight the new rate plan proposed by Illinois Bell and charged the firm is trying to deceive the public.

The consumer advocacy group said it will urge the Illinois Commerce Commission to reject Illinois Bell's proposal.

The telephone company characterized its proposal as "a \$35 million rate reduction to replace \$85 million in temporary credits in effect since last July."

This proposal is a \$50 million rate increase, plain and simple, and we are shocked that the phone company is trying to deceive the public into thinking otherwise," said CUB Executive Director Susan Stewart.

Stewart said CUB would urge the ICC to reject the proposed rate changes and to continue the credits against phone bills it ordered in July to reflect Illinois Bell's tax savings.

"Illinois Bell is a very profitable, healthy company that doesn't deserve another nickel from consumers," Stewart contended.

She said CUB will urge the ICC to reject the proposed plan, which would increase basic line of access charges to residential customers.

Illinois Bell officials say that, even with the increase in the charge from about \$6 to \$9 a month, business and long-distance customers still would be subsidizing basic residential local service.

The line charge is on every month's bill whether the customer makes any phone calls that month or not.

Stewart said CUB also will oppose Illinois Bell's plan to put most of its customers on a "pay for what you use" or metered service and eliminate flat fixed rates for unlimited local calls.

Illinois Bell already has authority from the FCC to eliminate fixed rates for local calls in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Its new plan proposes to extend this to most of the rest of the state, including Madison County.

Stewart said only 8 percent of Illinois Bell's customers who have the choice of taking metered service have done so. The rest have chosen fixed-rate plans with unlimited calls.

Illinois Bell said a typical residential customer in portions of Madison County would pay about 45 cents a month less for phone calls made under the new "pay for what you use" method, in which calls would cost about 5 cents each.

Because of the increase in line charges, by 1992 the total bill for local phone service would increase to \$18.79 compared to \$16.24 now, the company said in its projection for parts of this county.

The Illinois Commerce Commission has 11 months to make a decision on the Illinois Bell rate proposal. It will hold hearings in which both supporters and opponents can present evidence.

Simon pushes for better air traffic control; plans bonuses for controllers at O'Hare

CHICAGO — U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., says a plan to give salary bonuses to air traffic controllers at O'Hare Airport and Aurora is only one step needed to solve staff shortages plaguing air traffic control operations at large airports.

In testimony submitted at a hearing in Chicago on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) plan, Simon said this and other remedial actions planned by the FAA come only after "numerous near-misses and years of delay in meeting projected goals," he said. The pressure from Congress — including a Senate resolution denigrating an explicit statement from the FAA defining its pro-

gram for improving operations here.

The Illinois senator, who has taken the lead in pressing for action on problems at O'Hare that have led to an emergency cap on flights at the airport, is working with the FAA on legislation he will introduce when Congress convenes in January to speed implementation of the pay plan.

Simon's bill will shorten Congress's review period so the pay increases can take effect in early 1990 instead of spring or later.

The proposal is part of an "action plan" for O'Hare presented by the FAA to Simon on Oct. 13 in response to a Simon measure passed by the Senate

on Oct. 13. The Simon bill was cosponsored by Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Ill.

Simon said the step is needed because "six years into the modernization of the air traffic control system, the Reagan Administration has failed to properly prioritize the replacement and/or upgrading of the single most important component of the system, the air traffic controller."

Simon on Dec. 14 cited a report released by the General Accounting Office, Congress' watchdog agency. It found fundamental staffing problems in the air traffic control system lingering from the 1981 firing of thousands of striking controllers.

St. Louis Child's Fair trade show in March benefits hospital

St. Louis will be one of the first cities to host "The Child's Fair," a consumer trade show for families, which comes March 10-12 at Cervantes Convention Center.

"Proceeds from the event will benefit St. Louis Children's Hospital."

The Child's Fair features companies and organizations that offer products and services designed to enrich the lives of children and their families. Each booth exhibit will include an interactive area for parents and children to gain first-hand experience.

Sponsors of The Child's Fair include KPLR-TV (Channel 10), Schnuck Markets Inc., Coca-Cola

St. Louis Children's Hospital, founded in 1879, is the oldest pediatric hospital west of the Mississippi River and the third-oldest in the United States.

Bottling Co. of St. Louis and K-Joy Radio (KJZY-FM).

The Child's Fair purpose is twofold. The first is to stimulate the imaginations of children by letting them explore a wide variety of new experiences. The second is to help educate parents and inform them about options available to support their quest for a quality lifestyle for their children.

The overall theme of The Child's Fair is a one-stop shopping approach for families desir-

ing to raise their children in the most up-to-date and educational environment.

The Child's Fair has been held in Seattle, where the event originated. Similar events have been held in Los Angeles, Portland, Ore., and Minneapolis.

"Presently, there is no public exposition in the St. Louis area catering exclusively to children," said Linda J. Browne, founder of The Child's Fair concept and co-producer of the St. Louis Fair.

"I felt there was a need for

families to be able to gather information in one convenient location, in a fun, informal atmosphere."

"This provides families an opportunity to have questions about their children answered, where products could be touched, demonstrated, tasted, where people could experience."

More than 250 local organizations are expected to participate in the St. Louis program.

Currently, St. Louis Children's Hospital is securing corporate sponsors and participants who

have an interest in supporting the family concept in St. Louis.

St. Louis Children's Hospital, founded in 1879, is the oldest pediatric hospital west of the Mississippi River and the third-oldest in the United States.

It now occupies a new 235-bed building opened in 1984.

In 1987 the hospital cared for 8,357 children as inpatients, 2,519 for outpatient surgery, 20,870 in outpatient clinic visits and 35,570 in emergency unit visits.

Organizations who wish to become an exhibitor at The Child's Fair may call Debra Baker, The Child's Fair coordinator, at (314) 567-9650 or (314) 432-5615.

Nameoki Road to be improved

GRANITE CITY — The City Council passed a resolution last week agreeing to pay its share, estimated to be \$170,000, for traffic signals on Nameoki Road (Illinois 203).

The Illinois Department of Transportation has announced it intends to widen and add a center turning lane on Nameoki Road from Madison Avenue to Fontaine Road.

The project, estimated to cost \$1.6 million, is in IDOT's fiscal year 1990 (July 1989 to June 1990) budget. The IDOT said the project would require approximately 1/4 acre of right-of-way from five property owners.

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IN THE SPIRIT: Naomi Smith, a Colonnades resident, at left, dances with Educational Therapy Center Director Bob Burkett Thomas while the ETC Troubadours sing. The chorus performed for Colonnades residents last week. After a banquet on Wednesday, the singers had sang to more than 3,000 people during two and a half weeks of performances.

Graduate fellowships available to minorities

Minority students who have been accepted into graduate programs at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville may apply for fellowships of up to \$10,000 for the 1989-90 school year. According to Steve Hansen, acting dean of the Graduate School, fellowship applications are due in the Graduate School on Feb. 15, 1989.

The fellowships are provided by the Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Programs, a student financial aid program to assist minority graduate students in Illinois institutions.

The award is \$10,000 annually for students registering full-time

at the beginning of the fall quarter and maintaining full-time enrollment throughout the award year. The award amount is reduced to students beginning later in the year or attending part-time.

Partial \$5,000 awards are also available. Students may receive awards for up to two years if they are completing a master's program and for up to four years for a doctoral program.

To be eligible, an applicant must be an Illinois resident and a U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien; black, Hispanic, Asian American, American Indian or Alaskan native; a recipient of an earned baccalaureate

degree admitted to a graduate or professional degree program at a participating institution; and unable to pursue a graduate or professional program without financial assistance.

Award recipients must agree to accept a teaching or non-teaching full-time appointment at an Illinois institution of higher education or with one of the higher education governing or coordinating boards in Illinois for a period equal to the number of years of their award.

Applications and more information are available from the SIUE Graduate School, located in Rendleman Building Room 2215, or by calling 692-3160.

Christmas show held at Mitchell

Mitchell School children performed a Christmas program under the direction of Mrs. Clabie Briggs, physical education instructor, and Joe Owens, music instructor.

Band students performed a Christmas overture, and first, third, fifth and sixth grade students performed dance selections.

A double Dutch jump rope routine on skates and pogo balls also was performed by the children.

Montessori kids perform at shrine

Elementary students at the Edwardsville Montessori School recently sang Christmas carols at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine in Belleville.

Following their performance, the children enjoyed a puppet show and viewed the "Christmas Trees Around the World" exhibit at the shrine.

The kindergarten class also visited the shrine and exhibits. The pupils also practiced a lesson in grace and courtesy by dining at the shrine. The children also got a lesson in fiscal responsibility by handling their own money and paying for their meal.



NAMED TO OHSA: Vicki L. Diffenauer of Appleton, Wis., has been selected to join the Outstanding High School Students of America based on outstanding merit and accomplishment. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Diffenauer. She is the grandchild of Mildred Diffenauer of Granite City and of Martha Pulliam of Edwardsville and the late Hubert Pulliam.

SIUE 'Cougar card' offered to area college representatives

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will extend the 'Cougar card' pass to area college students and faculty members again this year.

The pass, introduced four years ago, enables students and faculty from area colleges to attend cultural, athletic and entertainment events on the SIUE campus at rates equal to those paid by SIUE students and faculty. For some events, the card will entitle the bearer to free admission.

Events for which the Cougar card may be used include programs in the Arts and Issues series. This year's series will

feature distinguished speakers such as Susan Sontag, essayist and critic. Performing artists will include the Negro Ensemble Company and the Theatre Ballet of Canada. Admission for students is \$1 with a Cougar card.

The card may also be used to attend SIUE theater productions and most athletic events, including soccer and basketball games.

The pass will be available to students and faculty at Belleville Area College, Blackburn College, Greenville College, Kaskaskia College, Lewis and Clark Community College, McKendree College, Parks College, State Com-

munity College, St. Louis Community Colleges and Jefferson College.

Students and faculty at these educational institutions may obtain information regarding the Cougar card at administrative offices on campus. In addition, "Cougar Card News," a calendar of events issued periodically by the university, will provide current information about events where the card will be applicable.

Persons wishing additional information may call Melissa Hughes at SIUE, 692-2626.

Wilson pupils make instruments

Fifth-graders at Wilson Elementary School recently made their own musical instruments including xylophones, drums, guitars, chimes and maracas.

The children used their instruments to play self-composed rhythmic compositions.

Some instruments are on display at the Granite City Branch Library, the Central Bank at Fehling and Namecki roads and the Magna Bank facilities in Bellemeade Village and at Maryville and Pontoon roads.

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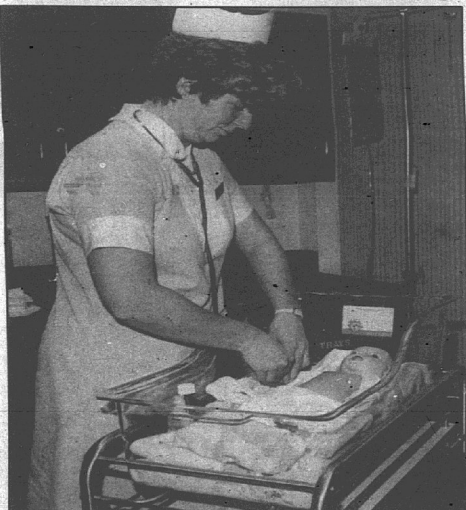
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Auction raises \$180 for charity

At the annual Webster School Christmas party and charity auction, held at the home of Burel and Helen Schmeisser, \$180 was raised.

The money was donated to Sts. Peter and Paul Shelter for the Homeless in St. Louis and Service Employees Union Local 98 to provide food and gifts for needy families in this area.

Approximately 28 Webster School staff members and guests attended.



WINS SCHOLARSHIP: Jennifer Connolly of Granite City, a nursing student enrolled at the Belleville campus of Illinois Area College, has received a \$50 scholarship from Illinois Health Improvement Association.

College credits for journey to Australia

Some Belleville Area College students will earn college credits 12,000 miles away from home next year.

A three-week, three credit-hour travel/study course to Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific Island of Fiji is available to the public next spring. The group is scheduled to depart May 19 and return June 10, 1989.

Cost of the trip is \$5,580 per person double occupancy, according to Lynn Bradley, course coordinator and BAC geography instructor. The cost includes all transportation, lodging, tours and most meals. Participants also must pay tuition for the course.

For more information or reservations, persons may call Bradley at 238-2700, extension 406, or toll-free outside Belleville at 1-800-BAC-5131, extension 406, or Julia Crunk at Travel Express in Belleville at 234-1046 or toll-free at 1-800-642-3753.

Stops in the itinerary for Aus-

tralia include the cities of Sydney, Canberra, Brisbane, Melbourne, Alice Springs and Ayer's Rock in the Great Barrier Reef. The New Zealand itinerary includes both the north and south islands and the cities of Auckland, Christchurch and Queenstown. Fiji will be included in the tour.

It will be autumn in the countries during the time of the trip. Weather conditions should be similar to spring in this area, Bradley said.

Each participant will be graded on a written paper based on his experiences. Papers are to be turned in after the trip.

The community college offers a travel/study course each year. The 1988 trip was to Russia and eight European countries. "The youngest person was 19 and the oldest was a lady who was 75. The average age was 54," said Bradley. "It was like most BAC classes — students at both ends of the age spectrum and several in-between."

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No new school mandates sought

State Superintendent of Education Ted Sanders' final Fiscal Year 1990 budget recommendations call for an increase of \$406 million in state funds for education programs and administration and no new state mandates until adequate funding is available for existing requirements.

The State Board of Education will hold a public hearing Jan. 18 to receive testimony on the state budget for elementary and secondary education. The hearing is set for 4 p.m. in the Board Room, fourth floor, State Board Office, 100 North First St., Springfield.

After considering public comment, the board will adopt a final budget at its Jan. 19 meeting in Springfield.

As a part of the budget process, the superintendent also recommends informing the General Assembly that the downstate and Chicago teacher retirement systems need an increase of \$406 million in state support in order to meet the current full payout costs.

"It must be our goal to provide funding for 100 percent of the payout level in order to ensure the long-term stability of the retirement systems," Sanders said.

ers said.

The retirement systems have been funded at 44 percent of the payout level for the past two years and have not received a 100 percent appropriation from the state since 1981.

Sanders' proposal calls for a total of \$2.938 billion in state funds for education programs and administration, an increase of \$404.2 million over FY 89.

The budget provides full funding for mandated categorical programs, including funding for anticipated program growth and cost increases for other categorical programs; supports continued implementation of school-improvement initiatives; and includes a \$200 million increase to fund the first year of a three-year implementation plan for General State Aid formula reform.

In Sanders' three-year budget plan for schools, the budget recommendations for FY 91 and FY 92 request totals in state funds of \$3.218 billion and \$3.447 billion for educational programs and administration, including increases of \$200 million and \$150 million in General State Aid and full funding for mandated programs.



TOPS IN SALES: Joyce Tracy, Parkview kindergarten teacher, and students Ronnie Wilkerson and Kerl Allison display the certificate they received as top-selling homeowners in the recent PTA candy sale. Ronnie was the top seller in the morning kindergarten and Kerl was the third highest seller in the school.



SPEECH WINNERS: Having returned from a recent competition at Charleston High School, these Granite City High School students display their awards. Kneeling, from left, are Chris Duckworth and Nick McLaren, who placed fourth in improvisational duet acting. Standing, from left, are Kelly Kessler, who placed third in original comedy and David Malottki, who placed second in humorous interpretation.

Former resident receives award for gifted teaching

Carol Heaton, a gifted program coordinator and teacher, has received the Dr. Mary Kooymjian award for superior teaching of the gifted.

Heaton is the former Carol Luer, a Granite City High School graduate and an area resident for 20 years.

Linda Ingersoll, language arts teacher at McCray-Dewey School in Troy, nominated Heaton for the award.

Heaton has B.S. and M.S. degrees from Southern Illinois University and an Education Specialist Degree from Arizona State University. She has been teaching gifted students in the Triad School District for six years and has worked directly with Triad Superintendent Robert Pogler in developing the curriculum for Quest, Triad's program for academically gifted students.

Until this year, Triad students have been the only students south of Springfield to enter the Odyssey of the Mind creative competitions. Heaton is currently serving as a consultant to other teachers in the region who are beginning to use that program with their students.

The Kooymjian award is named for Dr. Mary Kooymjian, a founder of the Illinois Council for the Gifted and a former professor at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. She died in 1980.

Nominees for the award are judged on their contribution to gifted education, personal leadership, creativity and ability to inspire others.

Louise Mintz of Springfield and Cynthia Sedam of Chicago also received the award this year.



ESSAY WINNER: Federal Marshal Joe Vaughn, at right, presents a second-place certificate in a U.S. Marshal Service essay contest to Margaret Rucker of East St. Louis, a Venice-Lincoln Technical Center student. Rucker won for her essay entitled "200 Years of U.S. Marshal Service."

Locals graduate at WIU

More than 700 graduates recently participated in the annual Western Illinois University Mid-Year Commencement ceremony in Macomb.

Three local graduates were among those receiving degrees.

Laura Ann Chenault of Granite City received a bachelor of science degree in teacher education. Wanda Denise Brown of Venice received a bachelor of science degree in education. Kimberly Ann Clark of Venice received a bachelor of arts degree in the arts and sciences.

WIU President Ralph H. Wagner spoke and conferred degrees on the graduating class. Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities member James R. Garner or Macomb provided greetings on behalf of the governing board for WIU and four other universities.

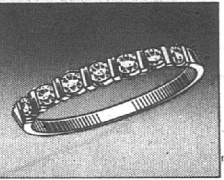
Howard Silberer, a retired

music educator and pianist from Macomb, was awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during the ceremony.

Alumni Achievement awards were presented during the ceremony to: Cecil Jones, administrator of juvenile parole services for Springfield; William "Bill" Hamman, division vice president and general manager of Marriott Corporation's education services in Altamonte Springs, Fla.; Blufford Jackson, a retired businessman from Macomb; and Tim Settini, a musician and comedian from Atlanta.

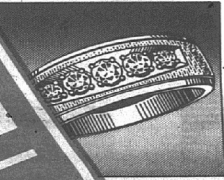
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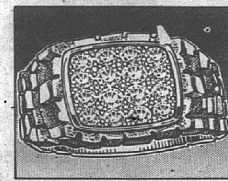


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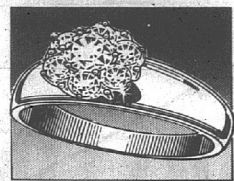
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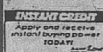
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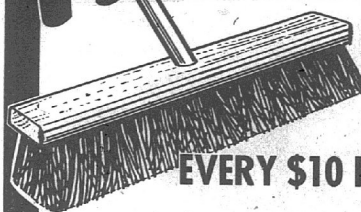
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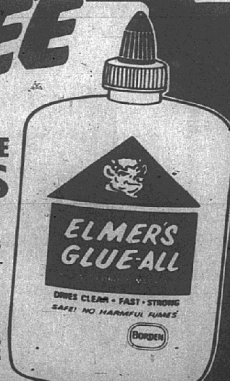
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Truck-car crash injures 5; DUI results

GRANITE CITY — Five persons in one car, including two young children, were injured in a traffic accident at 9:50 p.m. Dec. 21 in the 2500 block of East 23rd Street.

Darrell Gene Jarrett, 34, of the 3200 block of Colgate Place was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage.

Betty A. Briggs, 27, of the 2200 block of Grand Avenue was driving west on East 23rd when her auto was struck by the east-bound truck of Jarrett, police were told.

Briggs and two passengers in her car, Helen Marsala of the

2200 block of Grand Avenue and Peggy Marsala, 14, of the same address, sustained injuries and were trapped in the car. Those injured were unable to give statements to police and were extricated by fire department rescue personnel.

Also in the Briggs car were two small children, Jessica Lynn Briggs, 7, and Jennifer Marie Briggs, 3, both of the 2200 block of Grand.

Both sustained injuries. All the injured were taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Briggs was later transferred to St. Louis University Hospital.

Both Helen and Peggy Marsala were admitted to SEMC and were listed in good condition. Jessica and Jennifer Briggs were treated at the medical center and released.

The truck appeared to have struck the curb on the south side of the roadway and the vehicle may have blown a tire causing the truck to go out of control, cross the center line and collide with the Briggs car.

Jarrett said a large dog in his truck jumped into his lap, blocking his view. No dog was found in the vicinity of the accident, police said.

A fight, Foster alleged. Foster sustained scratches and bruises about the head.

Venice garage burglary
Tiller equipment valued at \$300 was taken in a garage burglary at the home of Michael Harrell of the 1100 block of Logan Avenue, he reported Dec. 14.

Check stolen, cashed
Sharon Boyd-Henderson of the 600 block of Lincoln Avenue reported learning Dec. 14 that a \$240 insurance check she had been expecting from General Motors apparently was stolen from her mail box and was cashed by the thief on Oct. 20.

Granite City police

Stereo burglary thwarted
Kenneth E. Barnett, 28, of the 2000 block of 12th Street reported Dec. 11 that a burglar had broken his bedroom window and taken a stereo receiver, cassette deck and equalizer valued at \$400. A neighbor reported hearing the glass break and surprised and yelled at the burglar outside Barnett's house. Police reported finding the stolen equipment on the ground next to the house.

Two in vehicle charged
Bruce Allen Snyder, 28, of the 2500 block of Parkway Drive was arrested Dec. 11 and charged with driving with a revoked license. Snyder was stopped on St. Clair Avenue at Wayne Avenue for having no rear license plate light. The owner of the car, Patricia A. Lear, of the 2500 block of Parkway, was a passenger and was charged with permitting a driver to operate a vehicle without a valid license. Snyder was released at the scene. Snyder was taken to the station, booked, and released after posting \$102 cash bail.

nue, turning east on Broadway from Klein Street, was struck from the rear by a car driven by Carla R. Walker, 26, of the 1100 block of Calhoun Street at 8:10 p.m. Dec. 16. Both motorists sustained minor injuries.

Two hurt, one charged
A collision at 4 p.m. Dec. 14 on Klein Street 20 feet north of Brown Street involved vehicles operated by Cirose Isaac, 87, of the Venice Homes and Helen L. Jacks, 46, of the 4000 block of Oakmont Drive, Pontoon Beach.

Isaac was leaving the Senior Citizens Community Building and was attempting to turn left onto Klein, he said. Jacks was slowing her car to stop at the intersection when her car was hit by Isaac's vehicle, she reported.

Isaac was charged with failing to yield the right of way while turning left and with driving without a valid driver license.

Weapon charges filed
While checking the ownership of a car operated by Patrick L. Stringfellow, 21, of East St. Louis, an officer alleged seeing a .22 chrome-plated pistol on the car's floorboard. Stringfellow was charged with unlawful use of a weapon and not having a firearm owner identification card.

Two women arrested
Natalie E. Ball, 19, of the Venice Homes and Ella P. Ball, 39, of the 100 block of Venice Homes were arrested for battery Dec. 14.

Tanika Foster, 18, of the 100 block of Venice Homes alleged she was on her way to school when confronted by Natalie Ball. An argument and fight ensued and Foster returned home, she said. Ella Ball, Natalie's mother, allegedly went to Foster's apartment to talk about the incident but started

with criminal trespass to land Dec. 20 at Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza, 699 Illinois 203. She posted \$100 bail and was released.

Garage looted of tools
A red tool box with tools valued at \$500 and a socket set worth \$194 were taken in a garage burglary at the home of Antonio Avila of the 1700 block of Rhodes Street, he reported Dec. 15.

Social notes

Information regarding social events are welcomed by the Press-Record/Journal. We welcome club news; news of weddings, engagements, anniversaries; news that deals with the milestones in your life. Print or type a double-spaced "news article" and send it to Andy Stirling.

Pontoon Beach police

Glass broken by burglar

Richard Jones of the 4100 block of Illinois 111 arrived home Dec. 13 and found glass in the front door had been broken and the house had been entered.

The intruder forced open a closet door and stole a bottle of whiskey. An inventory was being taken to determine if other property was taken.

Reckless driving alleged
Belinda Kay Pashea, 31, of the 200 block of Holiday Mobile Home Park on State Aid 35 was charged with reckless driving and speeding at 9:45 p.m. Dec. 11.

An officer alleged seeing a speeding Jeep heading south on Lake Drive near South Street

when the driver lost control of the vehicle; it went into a ditch on the west side of the road and then into the east side ditch before jumping 80 feet and landing in a field.

Pashea, apparently uninjured, was taken to police headquarters and was released after posting \$202 bail, pending a Jan. 13 court appearance in Granite City.

Cannabis and alcohol possession are alleged

An officer on patrol questioned three men in a car parked in a grassy area in the 4500 block of Edwardsville Road on Dec. 15 and alleged there was an open can of beer in the vehicle. A bag containing a substance also was in the

auto, he said. Jeffrey Scott Vaughn, 29, of the 1600 block of Maple Street was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis, illegal possession of alcohol and driving with a suspended license. He was released on \$202 bail.

Phillip Lemus, 17, of the 2000 block of Illinois Avenue was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis and illegal possession of alcohol and Frank T. Scaturro, 19, of Granite City was charged with illegal possession of alcohol. Both were released on notices to appear for a hearing Jan. 20 in the Granite City court.

Venice police

Mishap on McKinley Bridge leads to arrest

After a reported car accident on the McKinley Bridge at 5:25 a.m. Dec. 18, an officer found Daniel E. Jones, 32, St. Louis sitting in a car alongside the guard rail on the east bridge approach median, not far from the toll plaza.

Jones said he was eastbound and making the turn onto the approach when he lost control of his auto and it hit the guard rail. The car bounced off the rail and struck the guard rail on the opposite side, he said. Police then learned he was wanted by St. Louis County Police on a felony warrant alleging unlawful use of a weapon.

Jones agreed to waive extradition proceedings and was released Dec. 19 to St. Louis County officials.

Woman hurt on bridge

A collision in an eastbound lane of the McKinley Bridge at 5:55 p.m. Dec. 19 involved vehicles driven by Anna M. Griffin, 64, of Devon Hill Lane, Granite City, who sustained an injury, and Mary Jane Calt, 51, of Alton.

Driver of van injured

Michael D. Betters, 22, St. Louis, was injured and was taken by Campbell Ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center at 3 p.m. Dec. 19. He said he was heading east on the McKinley Bridge when the left front tire of his van caught on a warning bump and the vehicle hit an impact barrel before striking a bridge railing.

The van, which belonged to VIP Delivery Service, St. Louis, then struck the railing on the opposite side, he said.

Two motorists injured

An auto operated by Barbara Y. Harrell, 36, of Washington Ave.

Madison police

Rings, recorders stolen
Keith E. Wiley of the 200 block of Madison Avenue said he was gone from his apartment about 20 minutes Dec. 17 and returned, finding the door had been kicked in. Property valued at \$4,000 had been taken by a burglar, including two video cassette recorders and four gold rings.

Door broken by burglar

A burglar forced open a rear door, causing large cracks in the door, at the home of Eric Ford Jr. in the 900 block of Franklin Avenue. The intruder stole a 13-inch color television valued at \$150, a pocket calculator, and a large air conditioning unit valued at \$200 from a rear porch, Ford reported Dec. 16. An inventory of other property is being compiled.

Madison church entered

An inventory is being taken at the Church of Christ in the 1500 block of Fourth Street, where a

Man arrested after theft attempt

GRANITE CITY — A man who allegedly attempted to wrest a purse from a woman about 9 p.m. Dec. 20 fled empty handed, but a suspect was seen by an officer a short time later and arrested.

Jeffrey Scott Means, 29, of the 1200 block of Kirkpatrick Homes was charged Dec. 21 with attempted theft from a person and with assault. The incident occurred outside a store in the 2500 of Nameoki Road.

Laura L. Gibson, 42, of Granite City said that after she left the store and walked toward

her van, parked on the east side of the building, a man approached and asked if she wanted to buy an item.

She replied, "No," and the man walked closer and allegedly grabbed the strap of her purse, which she was holding under her arm.

As she started to run away, the purse strap broke but she managed to hold onto the purse, Gibson said.

When the man realized he was empty handed, Gibson said, he turned back toward her, screamed and charged toward her.

Fearing for her safety, Gibson also screamed and ran inside the store, telling employees what had occurred.

The man remained outside the store briefly, but then fled toward Kirkpatrick Homes before police arrived. A description was broadcast and Means was taken into custody in the 2700 block of the housing complex.

He was placed in a squad car where he allegedly tried to kick out a window in the car, authorities alleged.

house less than one hour and returned to find a large piece of concrete, used to shatter the glass in a door window, laying inside the

IPCSA elects McGibany

EDWARDSVILLE — Darrell McGibany, associate director of Probation and Court Services for Madison County, has been elected president of the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association (IPCSA).

McGibany's two-year term of office began Dec. 1. He was elected during the IPCSA annual conference held at LaGrange in late October.

The association represents almost 900 adult probation, juvenile probation and juvenile detention personnel throughout the state.

Over the past few years, IPCSA has been instrumental in the passage of over \$27 million in additional funding for probation, detention and other community corrections type programs.

Its principal programs include Intensive Supervision, Public Service Employment, Home Detention, Psychological Services and Offender Services.

Court Services personnel also have been designated to operate programs emanating from special interest legislation, such as driving under the influence (DUI) programs and recently enacted pre-trial release legislation.

In addition to providing the court with reasonable sentencing alternatives for the 60 to 70 percent of convicted offenders who are not sentenced to prison, the group will have brought over \$1 million in added funding for jobs and purchase of services to Madison County by the end of 1988, McGibany said.



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Also on page 4, we advertised 50% off fine 14k gold jewelry. Due to a photography error, semi-precious strands with gold-tone beads are pictured with the 14k gold. We regret this error and any inconvenience it may cause our Customers.

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Hattie Cole, 52, of East St. Louis died on Friday, Dec. 16, 1988, at St. Mary's Hospital, East St. Louis, where she had been a patient for three days.

Her sister, Bessie Gooden, died Dec. 19.

Mrs. Cole was born on Sept. 2, 1936, in Canton, Miss. She had been a resident of East St. Louis for 36 years and was a member of the Pilgrim Baptist Church there.

Mrs. Cole is survived by two sons, Willie Cole and Everett Cole, both of East St. Louis; one daughter, Jeanne Beard of East St. Louis; three brothers, Joseph Day of St. Louis, Charles Edmonds of Madison and Willie Edmonds of East St. Louis; three sisters, Minnie Crepe of Canton, Miss., and Annie Belle Walton and Bessie Gooden, both of East St. Louis; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at Pilgrim Baptist Church, with the Rev. M.R. Lemons, pastor, officiating. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt. Officer Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Coleman

Grace (Boyd) Coleman, 91, of Granite City was pronounced dead at her home at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, 1988, by Deputy Coroner Randall Irwin.

Born Oct. 18, 1897, in Dover, Tenn., Mrs. Coleman lived in Granite City for 70 years.

She worked as a beautician in her son's shop for several years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alex Coleman, in 1968.

Survivors include two sons, Stanley Coleman of Granite City and Jack Coleman of Belleville; two brothers, James Boyd of Arnold, Mo., and Frank Boyd of Dover; two sisters, Lillie Joyce and Eudora Warden, both of Gyertown, Pa.; one grandchild and five great-grandchildren.

No visitation or services were held. Her remains were cremated. Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel for Funerals, Granite City.

Gooden

Bessie Gooden, 49, of East St. Louis died Monday, Dec. 19, 1988, at St. Mary's Hospital, East St. Louis, where she had been a patient for seven days.

Mrs. Gooden was born May 8, 1939. She was a resident of East St. Louis for 36 years and a member of the Pilgrim Baptist Church in East St. Louis.

Her sister, Hattie Cole, died Dec. 16.

Mrs. Gooden is survived by three sons, Larry, Sonnie and Howard Gooden, all of East St. Louis; five daughters, Alice, Sharon, Rita, Lula and Angela Gooden, all of East St. Louis; three brothers, Joseph, Charles and Willie Edmonds of Madison and Willie Edmonds of East St. Louis; three sisters, Minnie Crepe of Canton, Miss., and Annie Belle Walton and Bessie Gooden, both of East St. Louis; and 16 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at Pilgrim Baptist Church by the Rev. M.R. Lemons, pastor. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Millstadt. Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis, was in charge of the arrangements.

Hopkins

Ruth E. (Ripley) Hopkins, 56, of Granite City died at 3:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, 1988, at the Northwestern Hospital in St. Louis County. She had been hospitalized since Dec. 6 after a beating incident.

Born Aug. 15, 1932, in East St. Louis, Mrs. Hopkins lived in Granite City for 39 years. She was a member of St. John United Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest L. Hopkins Jr. They were married March 3, 1950.

Other survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Paul (Susan) Baechler of St. Louis; three brothers, Robert Ripley of Collinsville, Mo., Thomas Ripley and Gary Ripley, both of Belleville; and one sister, Mrs. Charles (Doris) Pfeiffer of Belleville.

Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, where funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, the Rev. Jim Benzing officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Memorial Gardens in Belleville. Memorials to the Shriner's Hospital are suggested.

Neske

Dorothy E. Neske, 58, of Madison, died at 11:29 a.m. at her home, pronounced by Madison County Deputy Coroner Edward Morton.

She was born Feb. 19, 1930, in Missouri.

Survivors include two sons, Raymond J. Jr. and Randolph C.; and a daughter, Kim R. Meyer.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, Raymond J. Neske Sr.

Visitation will be at the Kutis Funeral Home at Arsenal and Gravois in south St. Louis at 4 p.m. Monday. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at noon, with burial in Jefferson Barracks Cemetery in St. Louis.

Kozer
John J. Kozer Sr., 79, of Granite City, died Friday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m., at the Edwardsville Care Center in Edwardsville. He had been ill for four years.

Born in Granite City on March 1, 1909, he was a lifelong resident. He retired from Granite City Steel in 1974 where he was a purchasing agent for 28 years.

Mr. Kozer was of Catholic faith and was a member of the Granite City Manager Club and the American Legion.

He is preceded in death by his wife Lillian Kozer in 1976.

Survivors include one son, John J. Kozer Jr. of Pontoon Beach; two brothers, Frank Kozer of Granite City and Steve Kozer of Edwardsville; one sister, Elizabeth (Betty) Mertz of Granite City; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at the Warner Chapel, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1988. Burial will be in Sunset Hills Cemetery, Edwardsville. Visitation starts on Monday, Dec. 26 from 4 to 9 p.m.

Memorials may be given in the name of the Alzheimer's disease fund.

Porter

Burton L. Porter, 55, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, died Friday, Dec. 23 at 9 p.m., at Normandy Osteopathic Hospital in St. Louis.

Born in Bluffs, Ill., on Aug. 25, 1933, he had lived in Edwardsville since 1983, after moving from Granite City.

He was a sign painter with the B & N Sign Co. in St. Louis, where he had worked for four years.

He was a member of Tri City Park Tabernacle Church in Granite City.

Surviving are his wife, the former Helen Belmer; three sons, Steve, of Arlington, Texas; John, of Houston, Texas; and Rick of Dallas, Texas; two daughters, Pamela Grimes of Edwardsville and Christine Haycraft of Springfield; and two brothers, Randall of Courtland, Kansas, and Donald of Abilene, Kansas.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave., where funeral services will be conducted Tuesday by the Rev. Don Stratton.

Burial will be in Sunset Hills Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Taylor

Wesley J. Taylor, 10 days old, died at Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis at 7:21 p.m. Dec. 23.

Born on Dec. 13, he was the infant son of Wesley and Lori Taylor of Granite City.

Other survivors are a brother, Daniel; paternal grandparents, Harold and Joyce Taylor of Madison; maternal grandparents, Douglas and Barbara Robertson, both of Granite City; paternal great-grandmother, Daisy Mistler of Granite City; and maternal great-grandmother, Opal Barnes of Madison.

Visitation will be after 5 p.m. at the Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road. Funeral services will be at St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

Titsworth

Rebecca (Singel) Titsworth, 86, of Litchfield, Ill., died at 5:55 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 1988, at the Care Inn Convalescent Center.

Born in Joliet, Ill., she had lived in Litchfield for 48 years. She was a housekeeper and a member of the First Baptist Church of Litchfield.

She is preceded in death by her husband, William Titsworth.

Survivors include one son, Paul Titsworth of Granite City, six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Ross-Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield by the Rev. David N. Gilley officiating. Burial was at Elm Lawn Cemetery in Litchfield.

Eurell Rushing
Eurell (Smith) Rushing, 61, of Granite City died at 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, 1988, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. She had been in the hospital for three weeks and ill for one year.

She was born Aug. 23, 1927, in Camden, Tenn., and lived in Granite City for 47 years. In 1982 she retired from Carter Carburetor Co. in St. Louis after working there for 28 years. Mrs. Rushing was of the Protestant faith.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Oriel Bone, who died in 1948.

Survivors include two sons, Danny Bone and James Rushing, both of Granite City; three daughters, Donna Mitchell and Cheyenne Slay, both of Granite City; and Debbie Crow of Austin, Texas; two brothers, Richard Smith of Camden and Joseph Smith of Granite City; one sister, Odell Lowe of Corning, Ark.; and 11 grandchildren.

Visitation was held Friday at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave., where funeral services were conducted Saturday by the Rev. Dan Moore. Burial was at St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Whitehead

A former Granite City man, Norma "Gene" Whitehead, died Dec. 19, 1988, at home in Goodlettsville, Tenn. He had been ill for two months.

He is survived by his wife, the former Carrie Walker; one son, Roy Lee Whitehead of Dover, Tenn.; one daughter, Tammy, and a granddaughter of Clarksville, Tenn.; and his parents, Roy and Sylvia Whitehead of Pontoon Beach.

Also surviving are two sisters, Edna Bennett of Mitchell and Teresa Porter of Rantoul; and two brothers, Henry Whitehead of Granite City and George Whitehead of Cumberland City, Tenn.; and two uncles.

He had worked for the TVA the last 18 years.

Burial was in Lane Cemetery in Tennessee.

Shooting

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been shot with a revolver while the two brothers, who were in a motor, where a large amount of blood was found.

Shirden was standing in the street when the shooting occurred when taken into custody. A .38 caliber five-shot revolver allegedly was in his possession.

An information against Shirden was issued through the Madison County State's Attorney's Office and he appeared Friday before Associate Judge Wendell Durr at the Granite City court.

Bond was set at \$75,000 pending a preliminary hearing and the appointment of a public defender.

Shirden, who also listed an address in East St. Louis, was transferred Friday to Madison County Jail in Edwardsville.

Joy

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names," shouted Elaine Thiel.

Thiel said that the helpers were Bob York, Christine Judd, Lloyd Hemmings, Betty Henry, Gertha Bradley, Linda Horton, Exie and Clarence McCarty, Doris Stark, Helen Townes and Dorothy Prothro.

Margaret Liver, Nikki Smith and Selma Griffin helped. Sandy Hartley gave out toys in the chapel.

Students of the Educational Therapy Center at Lake School collected and donated 500 cans of food, Curtiss Hartley said.

He estimated that a total of 3,500 prayers received help.

Hartley also said he was confident that the community will come close to reaching the Tree of Lights fund-raising goal of \$75,000. As of Thursday, more than \$67,000 had been raised.

Long about homeless getting wider radio play

By Rick Arnold
Staff affiliate

SCOTT AFB — The problem of America's homeless has been tackled by countless government and social agencies. It's a safe bet that no one has taken quite the approach to the problem Carol Duval has.

Duval, wife of Army Staff Sergeant Gary Duval and the mother of three young children, has decided to appeal to peoples' good natures not through a slick ad campaign or a glibly telethon, but rather through music. A song she has written about the homeless has simple lyrics, yet a profound message.

Duval, 30, said the song "Does Santa Remember?" is currently being played on St. Louis area radio stations such as WIBW-AM, WMBY-FM and KLOU-FM. And she has plans to send it to radio stations across the country. She is hoping the song will help raise about \$200,000 for agencies that serve the homeless.

"What we're hoping is that everyone sends a Christmas card to the homeless," Duval said.

Duval, who is a housewife, said "Does Santa Remember?" was inspired by her 7-year-old daughter, Lynette.

"She saw a Salvation Army collector and she said, 'I want to help the homeless, call this number,'" Duval said. "She asked, 'Does Santa bring the homeless toys?'"

"That wasn't one of the questions answered in her mothers' Christmas card," Duval said. "I told her I didn't know. But

I said, 'You know what Mommy's going to do, she's going to write a song.'" Duval said.

And so she did.

While not exactly a novice when it comes to song writing, Duval hasn't gained worldwide fame for her previous efforts, either. Her works include "Until The End," a song she wrote for her parents on their 50th wedding anniversary, and "Like A Yo-Yo," which she said she wrote after having a fight with Gary.

Another of Duval's songs, "For Nine Months," which is about pregnancy, was played on WIBW last Mother's Day.

And while those songs were more for private consumption, Duval said she knew "Does Santa Remember?" just had to be heard publicly.

It only took a day to write the words for the song. Once done with the lyrics, Duval turned to her long-time friend, Carl Letz, who has been writing and arranging songs since 1973. Letz, 29, of Lake St. Louis, MO, recently completed his first film score, for a movie titled *Fatal Exam*, which was shot and produced in St. Louis.

It was Letz who decided to have the 15-member Show Choir from Mascoutah High School back up Lynette, who was given the honor of being the lead vocalist since she inspired the song.

Charles Rann, choir director for the high school, said the project was a new experience for both him and his students.

"I've been teaching choir for 26 years, and that was the first time I've ever been in a produc-

tion studio," Rann said.

The song was produced at the Imagitry Studios in Maplewood, Mo. The whole production process took about a week.

The song was first played on Belleville radio station WIBW-AM, around Dec. 1. The station has since incorporated the song into its Christmas programming, Duval said.

"Duval said she has been 'stunned' by the overwhelming response to the song, both from the media and from the general public.

"It's mind boggling," Duval said. "I haven't had time to think about it."

Duval said she hopes to have the song made into a record by next Christmas, so even more people can hear its message. But until then, she hopes people can answer the challenge issued in the song's chorus:

"America, stand up and take a look at what you see. All God's homeless children are living in the street."

They don't have a place that they can call their very own. Let's work together to help them find a home."

With each cassette she sent to a radio station, Duval also sent an instruction sheet, listing addresses where donations can be sent.

People wishing to make donations can send them to: Fund For the Homeless, P.O. Box 7651, Belleville; Ill. 62222, or the Salvation Army, 400 W. Main St., Belleville, Ill. 62222.

A cassette recording of the song can be obtained by sending \$1.50 to C.L. Productions, P.O. Box 607, Bridgeton, Mo. 63044.

Bi-State will buy 60 new buses

The Bi-State Development Agency has exercised its option to purchase 60 buses—at a cost of about \$100 each—from the Fiblex Corp.

The federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration will pay 80 percent of the total bill of \$10.4 million; Bi-State will pay the balance.

Fifty-seven of the Metro Advanced vehicles, which will be delivered in June and placed in service in July. An order for purchasing the additional buses was written into the

popular with both passengers and drivers, said executive director R. Raleigh D'Adamo.

"Passengers love them for their comfort, accessibility and attractive appearance," he said.

The 60 new buses, which seat 46 riders and have state-of-the-art wheelchair lifts, are scheduled to be delivered in June and placed in service in July. An order for purchasing the additional buses was written into the

March 1988 contract for the initial 57-bus order.

Bi-State recently retired the last of its breakdown-prone AM General buses.

The agency has not yet decided which routes will get the new buses, D'Adamo said. A new advisory committee comprised of handicapped representatives will assist in selecting those routes.

Landscape school enrollment open

Enrollment is now open for anyone interested in attending a division of the Madison County Circuit Court.

The Landscape School will be a series of five meetings taught by the U. of I. talent system by Floyd Grier, horticulture specialist at the university.

The five meetings are: March 6, Introduction to Landscape Design; March 13, Planting Design; March 20, Smaller

Landscape Plants; March 27, Larger Landscape Plants; and April 3, Putting Plants into the Design.

The objective of the school is to enable you to develop your own landscape design. A packet of educational materials will be provided at each landscape session.

Advance registration for the Landscape School is due by Feb. 15. Registration fee for the five-meeting series is \$50. Because of

limited space, registration will be on a first come basis.

To register for the school, send your name, address and a check for \$50 to: Madison County Extension Office, P.O. Box 427, 900 Hillsboro, Edwardsville, Ill. 62025.

Couples are encouraged to attend the program together. For additional information on the Landscape School, you may call the Extension Office at 656-8400.

Martin

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parts sold.

Warrants filed with the criminal division of the Madison County Circuit Court allege that Martin failed to maintain records of the vehicles purchased through his title and identification as required by law. He also did so without a salvage or junking certificate required by the state, reports alleged.

In the charges, Martin was classified by the Secretary of State investigator as "being in the business of buying and selling more than five used vehicles per year."

Martin is also scheduled to be sentenced on Dec. 29 in the courtroom of Circuit Judge Charles Romani for a Nov. 2, 1987, guilty plea to a charge of solicitation to commit arson.

Martin faces sentencing in connection with damage done to the Huck's Convenience Store at Lake Drive and Pontoon Road in Pontoon Beach in April 1986.

It was the 1967 guilty plea that caused controversy during last spring's Democratic primary race between incumbent Allen and then-challenger Haime.

While awaiting sentencing on the arson solicitation charge, Martin was actively campaigning for the nomination and re-election of Allen. Haime was critical that Allen would allow Martin to do so, but Allen said he could not prevent it.

Haime also asked for the sentencing date said it could have come about long before now, but was obviously delayed. "Dick (Allen) had never bothered to bring it to court. It's incredible

how (Martin's) trampled on the law."

Allen could not be reached for comment Friday.

Madison County first felony assistant state's attorney Michael Nieskes said the auto licensing investigation of Martin began with the state.

A Secretary of State officer was driving by and noticed a whole lot of wrecked vehicles in the (business') yard. He stopped in and looked around and went from there. It wasn't anything like 'go out and get Ronnie Martin' or anything like that," Nieskes said.

Nieskes said that a writ of

habeas corpus will be sought, if Martin is still jailed, to extradite him to Clinton County prison or to the Dec. 29 sentencing in Madison County. He would then be sent back to Clinton County, if necessary.

Martin has had several run-ins with the law. A fraud charge, filed against Martin in 1985 by the Illinois Secretary of State was dismissed on a motion by State's Attorney Allen in June 1985.

In July 1983, Martin was sentenced to two years of probation and ordered to pay \$500 for criminal damage to property in Pontoon Beach.

Grassroots

Upcoming meetings of Quad-City Area governmental taxing bodies include:

Granite City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, City Hall, 2000 Edison Ave.

Pontoon Beach Village Board, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, Village Hall, 3910 Illinois 111.

Madison City Council, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, City Hall, 1539 Third St., Madison.

Granite City Park Board, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, Park District Office, Wilson Park.

Births

The following birth was recorded at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville:

Dec. 14: Angela and Terry Dehm of Millstadt, a girl.

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Probation, court services personnel receive awards

EDWARDSVILLE — Five employees from the Madison County Probation and Court Services Department recently received awards from the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association, Madison County Chief Circuit Judge P.J. O'Neill has announced.

Those receiving awards for their outstanding contributions to the probation and juvenile detention fields were Danny Patterson, Dave Townzen, Todd Brooke, Ron Brawley and Dana

Westerhold.

Danny Patterson of Granite City has been employed as a detention officer at the Madison County Detention Home since December 1987.

Dave Townzen of Edwardsville has been employed as a detention officer at the Detention Home since May 1988.

Dana Westerhold of Bethalto has been employed as a juvenile probation officer since August 1986.

Ron Brawley of Collinsville,

formerly of the Quad City area, has worked as an intensive probation surveillance officer since May 1985.

Todd Brooke of Livingston, an adult probation officer, has been employed by the Madison County Probation and Court Services Department since November 1986.

The awards were presented in late October at the IPCSA fall conference held in LaGrange.



AWARD WINNERS. Madison County Probation and Court Services honorees display outstanding service awards presented at the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association conference in LaGrange. In the front row, from left to right, are Todd Brooke of Livingston, Ron Brawley of Collinsville, Dana Westerhold of Bethalto and Robert Astorian of Granite City, director of Madison County Probation and Court Services. Second row, from left, Madison County Chief Circuit Judge P.J. O'Neill, Danny Patterson of Granite City and Dave Townzen of Edwardsville.

Texas collider decision flawed — Thompson

By Edward T. Hearn
P-R/J Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — Gov. James R. Thompson asked President Ronald Reagan on Dec. 21 to base the Superconducting Supercollider in Illinois instead of Texas, calling the decision picking a site south of Dallas "fatally flawed."

In a letter to Reagan that contained a sharp attack on the Energy Department's decision-making process, the governor made a strong pitch for building the SSC next to Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, outside Chicago.

"The Department of Energy erred in its selection of Waxahachie, Texas, as the preferred site for the Superconducting Supercollider. The process followed by the Site Selection Task Force was fatally flawed," he said in a two-page letter released in Springfield.

"Not building on the federal government's \$1.2 billion investment in Fermilab defies common sense," he added.

The direct tone of Thompson's letter stepped up the state's effort to reverse the SSC decision, which plunged Energy Secretary John Herrington into immediate controversy with the six other state finalists that lost the lucrative science project.

But Galen Reser, who heads the Illinois office in Washington, said the appeal to Reagan was done to put the state's opposition to Texas "on the record," though with little hope of gaining a reversal.

"We are not expecting miracles," Reser said. The SSC, as proposed, would be a \$4.4 billion high-energy physics project, consisting of a 53-mile underground oval made of concrete. The huge atom smasher would create thousands of jobs and require million of dollars in federal money annually.

As part of its \$8 million lobbying effort to win the SSC, Illinois has held out its Fermilab and the world's largest underground accelerator, the Tevatron, as the logical cost-saving companion to

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Gov. James R. Thompson

the SSC.

Thompson raised the subject again with Reagan, saying the Fermilab site would save the federal government much money, shorten the construction time and prevent a migration of top scientists from Illinois to Texas.

"A decision to build a new facility rather than building on Fermilab is nonsensical," Thompson said.

Herrington selected the Texas site two days after the presidential election, prompting Illinois Sen. Alan Dixon and others to complain that partisan politics played a role in the choice because President-elect George Bush is a Texan.

Dixon complained loudly again last week, disclosing that the Waxahachie site is infested with fire ants that can destroy home and farm equipment as well as chewing subsurface cables.

Thompson, who didn't raise any of Dixon's points with Reagan, said in the letter that foreign investors probably would decline to help finance the SSC in Texas since Illinois is clearly the less expensive and more suitable alternative.

"The Europeans understand this quite well," Thompson wrote. "They have chosen to add on to existing accelerators, rather than wasting time and money by building from the ground

up."

The Site Selection Committee evaluated locations in seven states but the panel was not charged with forming a recommendation, Herrington named Texas on its own, according to previous DOE statements.

In a point-by-point critique of the selection committee, Thompson said the panel:

"Ranked Illinois utilities as equal to that of the other candidate states, even though Illinois has surplus power capacity and Colorado, a site finalist, had three small electric utilities."

"Stated Illinois could encounter difficulty acquiring land for the SSC. Thompson countered by saying the state has specific SSC eminent domain powers with a speedy taking provision, reducing any SSC construction delay."

"Ranked Texas schools as average and Illinois schools as outstanding but then ranked both states as outstanding for community resources. Thompson said school quality is an important aspect of community resources."

Christmas list: 60 new buses

Bi-State Development Agency Chairman Patrick Watkins has announced the purchase of 60 new Metro Advanced Design buses from the Fibble Corporation of Delaware, Ohio, with delivery to start in June and the buses to be in service in July.

The buses, which seat 45 passengers, are Bi-State's holiday gift to the community, Watkins said.

Each will have two wheelchair securement locations, one more than the first order of Advanced Design buses, and each bus will have a wheelchair lift.

The agency originally signed a contract in March 1988 for 57 of the new lift-equipped buses. These arrived in the spring and are now in service. The contract included an option to purchase up to 60 additional buses of the same type, and the Bi-State board has exercised that option.

R. Raleigh D'Adamo, Bi-State executive director, said reports from passengers and bus operators have been very favorable regarding the new buses.

"Passengers love them for their comfort, accessibility and attractive appearance," he said. "They have comfortable interiors with large tinted windows, padded fabric seats and a state-of-the-art wheelchair lift which has so far been much more reliable than those on our older buses."

"Each bus has a very good climate-control system for passenger comfort, and the latest achievements in design and manufacturing."

"The new buses will have two wheelchair positions which will be useful because of the increasing number of disabled persons using buses."

Questions answered about Social Security

Following are answers to typical questions given the Social Security Administration at 630 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis.

Q. I am a 45-year-old bank employee. I have just received my "Personal Earnings and Benefit Statement," which I requested about six weeks ago. The estimate of my future Social Security benefits has me somewhat concerned. It says that in today's dollars my monthly benefit will be about \$800 a month. I don't think this amount will be sufficient when I retire. What can I do to provide for a more secure retirement?

A. The amount quoted to you is the amount you would receive if you retired at the age you gave and had the earnings you estimated. Now various factors may change that amount. For example, any promotions you receive up until retirement age could significantly change the estimate. And, if you were to leave the work force for a significant period of time, the estimate would be affected as well. If you still feel that your benefit amount is not sufficient for you to retire, you may want to consider working longer or increasing your savings or other investments. Careful planning is important to assure a comfortable, happy retirement.

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Q. I have just started receiving monthly SSI benefits. Last week my sister stopped by with a bag of groceries worth about \$20. Will I have to inform Social Security about that?

A. Yes. The groceries are considered unearned income under the supplemental security income program.

Q. My husband decided to work past the normal retirement age of 65. He has a health insurance plan where he works and is also enrolled in Medicare. I recently turned age 65 and have enrolled in Medicare as his spouse. It now appears that I will need surgery within the next few months. Will Medicare help pay for some of my medical expenses while I'm hospitalized, or will I have to rely totally on what his company medical benefits will pay?

A. If you are covered under the group health plan of your husband's employer, the regulations state that Medicare cannot pay for services covered under the group plan. The group health plan must pay its benefits first and Medicare may then help pay for services which the group plan does not cover or which it does not pay in full.

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Social Security has new toll-free hotline

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Jerry F. Costello (D-Belleville) has urged seniors to take advantage of a new, toll-free hotline telephone number sponsored by the Social Security Administration.

"Seniors can call this hotline number with questions regarding their Social Security benefits seven days a week, 365 days a year," Costello said. "It's a service I hope they'll take advantage of."

The new hotline, 1-800-234-5772 (also 1-800-234-SSA), will

increase the public's access to the Social Security Administration by making service available every day of the year. People who call from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (EST) on weekdays will receive personal service, while calls at other times will be handled by automated answering equipment.

"This service will be especially helpful to those needing to change their mailing address, obtain their earnings record, make an appointment to file a claim for benefits, or ask a

question," Costello said. "It also saves money for seniors who previously had to pay for a long-distance call to Washington, D.C."

Costello said the new initiative will not result in substantial restructuring of any local Social Security offices, will not result in office closings, and will in no way restrict access to personal service.

The public will continue to have the option of visiting any

Grant to help drug-exposed infants

A \$200,000 federal grant will be used to provide services to drug-exposed infants and their families in a demonstration project in a Chicago neighborhood where the population includes a number of drug-dependent mothers and high-risk infants.

Reports of drug-affected infants have increased nearly sixfold in Illinois since 1985. Statewide, there were 1,233 such reports in 1988, an increase of 132 percent over the previous year.

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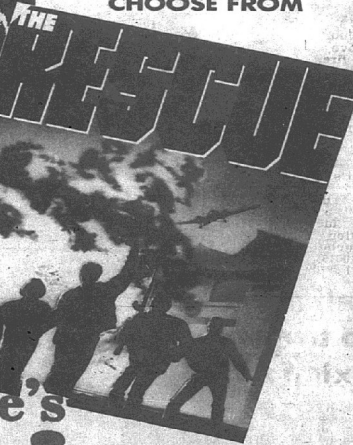
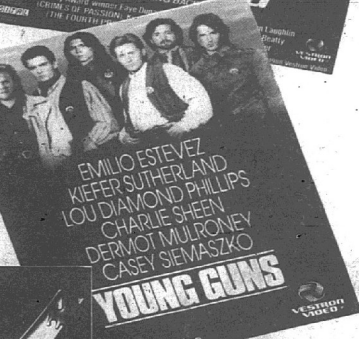
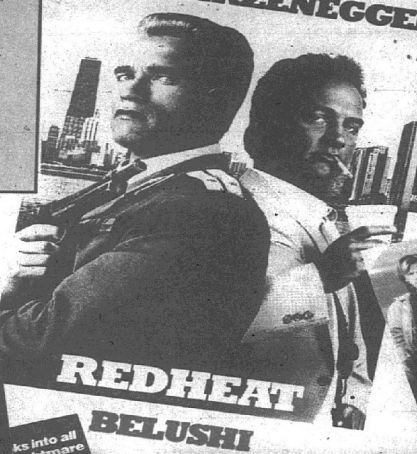
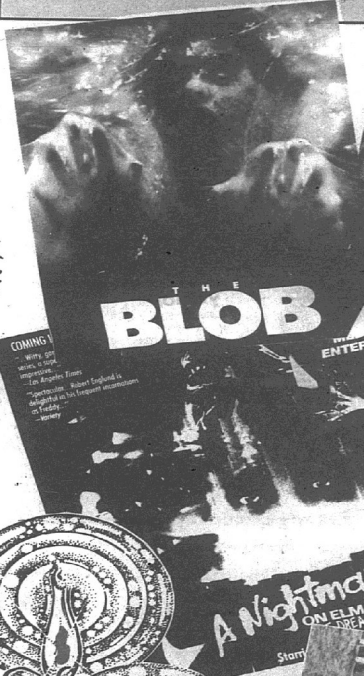
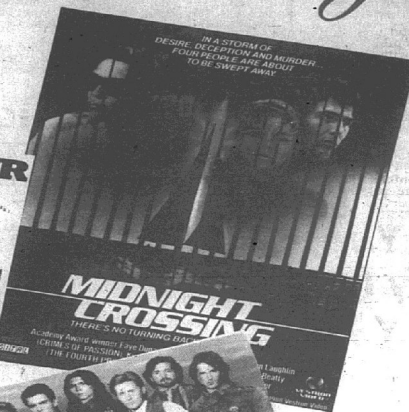
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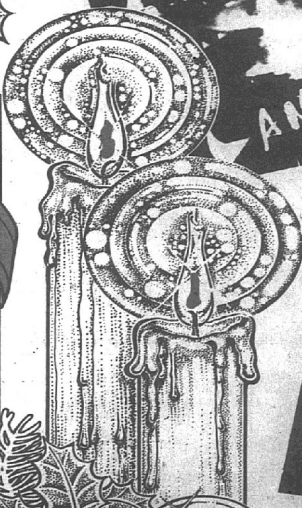
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The cost of the 11-day trip is \$1,995 and includes round-trip air transportation from St. Louis, five nights at the Kaunapali Beach Hotel and five nights at the Kauai Resort, field instruction, several meals and group activities.

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New York ready for New Year

The countdown to 1989 has begun in New York.

Hundreds of thousands of revelers are expected to gather in Times Square to see the one-minute descent of the 6-foot, 200-pound, red Big Apple.

A tradition since 1907, the hollow aluminum ball originally was modeled after the 19th-century waterfront time balls that helped captains set their chronometers. The ball, which was redesigned into an apple in 1981, drops from a flagpole on top of 1 Times Square to mark the arrival of the new year.

To entertain the throng in Times Square, the Marriott Marquis Hotel at Broadway at 45th Street will present a Soft Rock Spectacular. But Times Square is not the only festive location.

In Central Park, a five-mile run at midnight attracts about 5,000 runners, many dressed in tuxedos and gowns. In fact, the race offers a prize for best costume. Champagne and water is served at aid stations. Famed restaurant, Tavern on the Green at West 67th Street, is the starting and finishing point of the race. Those who wish more details should call the New York Roadrunners Club, (212) 860-4455.

The sky above Central Park will be lit with fireworks at midnight. The best viewing is either side of Sheep Meadow (72nd Street) the reservoir running track (East 90th Street), park entrances at 96th Street and Central Park West, or near Tavern on the Green.

Grand Army Plaza arch in Brooklyn is also the setting for a free New Year's Eve fireworks display.

Information on these and other New Year's Eve activities is available by contacting the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau, 2 Columbus Circle, New York, N.Y. 10019. The phone number is (212) 397-8200.

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Hotels in Mexico City are the Vaseo de Quetzaco, a small colonial property within a five-minute walk of the Pink Zone restaurant and shopping district, and the Hotel Reforma on the Paseo de la Reforma, the tree-lined boulevard that cuts through the city.

In Taxco, the colonial town that is the country's silver center, travelers stay at the Hotel de la Borda and Rancho Taxco-Victoria. Accommodations in Acapulco are at the Casablanca overlooking the bay. The Hacienda Spa Penafiel in Tehuacan has a swimming pool, nine-hole golf course and restaurant.

Air transportation, transfers and transportation between destinations are additional. Those who wish a brochure may call the tour company at 1-800-682-0687.

Travelers go back to Old West

By Pamela Selbert
Staff affiliate

The narrow gauge railroad that runs between the Colorado towns of Durango and Silverton was designed to carry ore down from mines in the mountains. Today, it performs a more colorful task by giving visitors to the area a delightful taste of the Old West.

The track winds along the cliffs and canyons of the San Juan Mountains. And though a log cabin is sometimes visible through the trees, this craggy, formidable landscape remains nearly as pristine as it was centuries ago, when the first explorers made their way on horseback.

Remarkably, the 75-ton steam locomotives that carry tourists are sized to negotiate the mountains. Belching black smoke from their coal-fired engines, they chug out of the Durango station and into remote wilderness, following the Animas River to Silverton, 45 miles to the north.

Passengers have the option of riding in enclosed cars, all of which date from the late 1870s, or in open gondolas, which provide a chilly ride in early morning hours, but allow better views of the spectacular country.

At times, the track runs through valleys, nearly at the river's level. Churning white water dances and sparkles like crystals in the sunshine. Towering aspens, with peeling white bark and magnificent pines grow thick.

This 45-mile stretch of track took a year to construct. It was built, between 1881 and 1882, by the Denver and Rio Grande Railway (now the Denver and Rio Grande Western), which also founded the picturesque town of Durango.

The railroad has hauled a variety of ores down from the mountains: lead, copper, gold and silver, and it is estimated that \$300 million precious metals have ridden this route.

This railroad has remained in continuous operation longer than any other similar line, according to Durango station master Amos Cordova. It first became a major tourist attraction in the town in 1946, when 3,000 passengers made the trip. The numbers of passengers grow every year, with 175,000 making the run this year.

In 1981, the Denver and Rio Grande Western sold the Durango-Silverton branch to the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Co., which has "pledged to preserve the history and authenticity of the railroad, expanding operations if necessary, but never running a diesel engine on these tracks," says Charles Bradshaw, president of the railroad.

Because of the popularity of the train rides, reservations are required. These can be made in advance by calling the ticket office in Durango at (303) 247-2733.



HAPPY TRAVELERS: Diane Wolf and Terri Hamilton of Granite City relax poolside on Carnival Cruise Lines' 27,000-ton, TSS Mardi Gras. The couple prepare to sail out of Port Everglades at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for a four-day, midweek cruise to the Bahamas. During the cruise, the ship traveled through the 700-island chain while making ports of call at Nassau and Freeport.

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JUBILATION: On New Year's Day, City Temple Assembly of God Church, 4751 Maryville Road, will present the country gospel group Jubilation from Ozark, Mo. The Rev. Gary Thomas, pastor of City Temple, invites the public to attend at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1.

Cloverview Garden Club discusses cardinal, eagle

The Christmas luncheon of the Cloverview Garden Club was held at the Den Restaurant in Granite City.

Mrs. Ray Williamson, president, conducted the business meeting.

For roll call, each member signed an evergreen used for Christmas trees.

The "show and tell" topic was handmade corsages worn by members.

Mrs. Clarence Etheridge and Mrs. Donald Tabor were in charge of arrangements and favors; decorations were in keeping with the holiday theme.

Games were played, with each member receiving a prize.

A program on ornithology was given by Mrs. Albert Taylor. She spoke of the cardinal, which is the Illinois state bird, and the bald eagle, which is the official

emblem of the United States.

Members brought canned goods and staple foods, which were donated to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families.

Louise Sedlack, Flower Fund chairman, reported that she and Mrs. B.C. O'Neill delivered a Christmas wall hanging to Colonial Haven Nursing Home and also to Mrs. Robert McCauley, a member, who is a patient in the Colonnades Nursing Home.

Others attending were: Mrs. Kenneth Brokaw, Mrs. Von De Cruse, Mrs. Charles Giddola, Mrs. Randall Irwin, Mrs. Orion Johnson, Mrs. George Knapp, Mrs. Eldon Meekap and Mrs. George Stearns.

The January meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Brokaw in the 2200 block of Clinton Street.

Pack 122 presents cords

Cub Scout Pack 122 of Wilson School held its November pack meeting Nov. 17.

The meeting was called to order by new Cubmaster Susan Shafer.

The opening ceremony was presented by Den 2's Daniel Staggman, John Smith, Ronald Shafer, Billy Pickrell, Gannon Nickell, Justin McGrew, Andy Hartline, Scott Jones, Jimmy Smith and Scott Grimes. Gary and Nicki Staggman are the den leaders.

Den Chief cords were presented to Ryan Staggman, who will help Den 2, and Jeff Pittman, who will help Den 5.

Baseball Belt loops were presented to Terry Hull, Brandon Butkovich, Brian Davis, Craig Harris and Benjamin Thompson. Bowling Belt loops were presented to Terry Hull and Benjamin Thompson.

All the Scouts participated in

the "Scouting for Food Program." They collected canned goods for the needy and brought them to the pack meeting. Cubmaster Shafer took the canned goods to the Salvation Army.

Special thanks was given to Pat Nickell, who was in charge of the annual popcorn sale. Nicki Staggman, assistant Den 2 leader, will be in charge of the annual candy bar sale, it was announced. Parents participated with the boys in a relay game.

Den 5 Scouts conducted the closing ceremony. The den leader is John Bonvicino, and assistant leaders are Mary Bonvicino and Harriet Hull. Scouts are Jeremy Baker, Benjamin Thompson, John Bonvicino, Mike Bradeur, Jason Bryant, Brandon Butkovich, Brian Davis, Joey Grant, Craig Harris and Terry Hull.

Refreshments were served after the meeting by Den 5.

New Life to present cantata

The New Life Assembly of God Sunday School and Children's Church, together with the Youth and Adult choirs, will present its Christmas Cantata.

"A Joyous Celebration... The Birthday of the King," at 10 a.m. today, Sunday.

The Rev. Dan Moore invites the public to attend the Christmas service.

Travelers Abroad holds end-of-year gathering locally

Travelers Abroad held its holiday party meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria, with 22 members and guests.

Dr. Alice Purdes introduced the after-dinner speaker, Barbara Williams, who spoke about her trip to the South Pacific last summer. Included in the trip were stops in Fiji, Australia and New Zealand, as well as a one-day trip to Brisbane to attend World Expo '88.

Williams emphasized the distances that had to be traveled to reach her destinations — almost 20 hours to get to Fiji, including crossing the international dateline and losing a day. The return trip from Auckland, New Zealand, required 33 hours, and the group was served breakfast three times in one day due to the time zone changes. Again to the dateline crossing. More than 800 islands make up the country of Fiji, with the main island being Viti, where most of the population lives and most tourists visit. Most of the resorts are found on the outer rim of the island, which has beautiful beaches.

The Fijian economy is based on sugar cane and tourism. Guides in Fiji, which sits right on the international dateline, have some pet expressions, such as: "Fiji is the gateway to every new day"; "Fiji is where time begins"; and "When in Fiji, take one step forward, and two back, and adjust to the pace of the island."

Schooling is compulsory until the eighth grade and includes the study of English, beginning in the first grade. Many students wear school uniforms throughout the South Pacific in order to avoid class distinctions. Many of the men and boys wear "sulus," which are the traditional costumes of a wraparound skirt with side pockets.

Even though it was winter time in the South Pacific last July and August, the temperatures in Fiji averaged 75-80 degrees.

Flying on to Australia and New Zealand, Williams encountered the regulation whereby all planes are sprayed to kill any insects before they can land in either country. An explanation is given before each attendant walks up the aisles operating spray cans.

In Australia, Williams enjoyed the trip from Melbourne to Phillip Island where she saw koala bears in trees and saw Fairy Penguins perform their nightly march out of the ocean, past the silent spectators sitting on concrete bleachers, into the burrows where they spend the night before returning to the ocean the next morning. Williams and her roommates visited the John

F. Kennedy memorial, which was in a park across from the Sheraton Hotel.

In Sydney, Williams and her tour group visited the harbor area with its famous opera house, bridge and the tall Sydney Tower. Many trees in the park near the tower were illuminated with hundreds of tiny white lights. Despite being mid-winter there, the temperatures were averaging about 55-60 degrees.

World Expo '88 in Brisbane was an exciting day even though it was impossible to see all the exhibits, Williams said. Lines were long; and with only one day, Williams was not inclined to stand in line for hours. Often, a return trip by a particular exhibit would find a short waiting line. There were many restaurants of all types.

From Sydney to Auckland, New Zealand, was a three-hour, 1,500-mile trip. Combined with a time change between countries and the winter season, it was almost dark when the tourists arrived at their hotel. It was hard to realize that it is only 2,500 miles farther to the South Pole. Beautiful flowers were in bloom and the pansies were particularly lovely, Williams said.

In Auckland, the group spent time in the War Memorial Museum, rode through Kelly Tarlton's aquarium on the people-moving conveyor belt twice as the fish swam on both sides and over them, and shopped in the restored Parnell Village area. They also visited Mount Eden, the tallest spot in Auckland.

One of the new Zealand highlights was spending a night with a farm family. Williams and her two roommates were assigned to a young widow who lived on a 2,600-acre farm, 45 minutes from the nearest town, where cattle, sheep and deer were raised.

A visit to the Waitomo Caves included a silent ride to the glowworm grotto, where the larvae attached to the ceiling glow like tiny lights.

Rotorua, the center of Maori customs, was interesting with its many extinct volcanoes, complete with solidified lava cores sticking up, Williams said. Many mud pots were steaming away and geysers erupting, almost like Old Faithful, but not as regular in their timing, Williams said.

At the meeting, attendance prizes were won by Elina Hoover, Purdes and Lily Ann Firner.

At the January meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lexow will present a narrated slide show on the English Cotswolds and French Chateaux.



AT A BANQUET held in honor of national Grand Madam, President Jean Dockall's visit to Granite City on Dec. 11 are, from left, Granite City Aerie President Bob Hogan, State President Charles 'Rabbit' Landford, Grand Madam, President Joan Dockall, State Madam President Stephanie Smith and Granite City Auxiliary President Sue Oliver.

Auxiliary president visits

Grand Madam President Jean Dockall of the Eagles Auxiliary visited the Granite City Auxiliary on Dec. 11.

At the District 7 meeting, four applicants from Granite City were initiated by the District 7 Ritual Team.

The new members are Theresa Glendening, Sylvia Woods, Angela Jacobs and Diana Joseph.

Additional guests were State Madam President Stephanie Smith, State Vice President Sharon De Heve, State Chaplain Kathy Dullea, State Treasurer Evelyn Swinney, State Outside Guard Betty Wendling, State Southern Zone Trustee Florence Hagauer, State Ritual Co-Chairman Hazel McCormick, State Grandmother Lucille Smith, State Membership Chairman Betty Rohn, and State Past Presidents Mary Stogner and Glenna Garwood.

At the meeting, Granite City President Sue Oliver presented Dockall with a money corsage. She presented a corsage to State President Stephanie Smith and a gift to all state officers and chairmen present.

Granite City honored all chaplains present at the meeting, and Oliver gave a small gift to each. She also presented the District 7 Ritual Team with a check.

Granite City Aerie Vice President Ken Spencer introduced Aerie State President Charles Landford and the Granite City officers at an evening dinner. Landford presented a T-shirt and a jacket to Granite City Trustee Chris Von Nida for signing up new members.

President Sue Oliver introduced her Granite City officers and State President Stephanie Smith, who introduced her officers and chairmen. Speaker was Grand Madam President Jean Dockall.

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By Pamela Seibert
Staff affiliate

Down town St. Louis is decorated and aglow for the season with festive colors, trimmed evergreen trees, and bright lights in every shade of the rainbow.

No exception is the Old Courthouse, which this year is celebrating a "Victorian" Christmas. In 19th century style, the lovely rotunda is gracefully hung with evergreen boughs tied up with red bows, that circle the balconies. Under the dome, a 20-foot-tall silver tip tree stands, laden with tiny Victorian dolls in white dresses, colorful spread fans, giant candy canes, delicate glass ornaments, glass icicles, a heavy metallic paper chain, and brightly lit "candies." The tree is a stunning sight.

Victorians, it's said, generally continued their holiday activities several days beyond Christmas. The tradition will be preserved at the Old Courthouse, where a series of pre-holiday noontime musical concerts and afternoon holiday movies will continue till New Year's Day.

Noontime concerts will feature St. Gabriel's Choir, a group of 30 third- and fourth-grade songsters, performing

Dec. 27; the Waterloo German Band, Dec. 28; Bernie and Barbara McDonald, who perform music and vocals with guitar and wooden flute, Dec. 29; and street singer J. Alphonso Bedford, Dec. 30. At 2 and 4 p.m. Dec. 26-30, "It's a Wonderful Life," the classic Jimmy Stewart movie, will be shown.

While at the Old Courthouse take time to enjoy the 100 "Arts for the Parks" paintings that ring the rotunda and first balcony. Arts for the Parks was created by a privately funded non-profit Jackson Hole, Wyo., company in 1986, in cooperation with the National Parks Foundation. An annual national competition is held to honor 100 American artists whose paintings "best capture the essence of the landscape, wildlife, and history of the National Parks System," said Parks interpreter Terry Weber.

For the third year, nearly 3,000 artists have submitted their work to this competition. The Top 100 are chosen from this large number of entries, Weber said. These artists' works become part of a traveling exhibition.

Another facet of the Parks Department celebration, a gathering of 11 Christmas trees from around the world, has been set

up outside the Museum of Westward Expansion in the Arch lobby. These trees have been decorated by the International Folklore Federation, and illustrate how the holiday is celebrated in a variety of countries.

The tree from Poland is full of paper ornaments, and beneath it lies a primitive crèche. The African tree is decorated to represent "Kwanza," which isn't really Christmas, but is celebrated

at the same time of year, between Dec. 26 and Jan. 1. Kwanza celebrates thanksgiving for crops and the harvest. The celebratory tree is a banana tree, before which are posed wooden carvings of animals, and a candelabra of seven candles.

In Germany, some of the more elaborate Christmas customs have developed. On Dec. 5, a devil-like figure called Krampus visits naughty children, hitting

them with a switch. But he is followed immediately by Saint Nikolaus, who promises to be good to them in the coming year. Each Sunday before Christmas another Advent candle is lit, and then on Christmas Eve, the Christ "kind," or child, comes in from heaven to light the candles on the Christmas tree.

Other decorated trees in the display represent Croatia, Den-

mark, Hungary, Jamaica, Russia (Russian Orthodox), Scotland and Serbia. The display includes a decorated Irish fireplace.

The displays at the Gateway Arch and the Old Courthouse will run through Dec. 30. Both buildings will be closed Dec. 31. The Old Courthouse is at 11 N. 4th St. For more information, call (314) 425-4465.

Malls, businesses list holiday hours

Executives with Denny's restaurants are giving employees an unprecedented Christmas present—the chance to spend Christmas Day with their families.

Denny's is one of thousands of area businesses, services and cultural attractions that will have special hours during the holidays. An extensive list is offered below.

"Always Open," the motto is. "The management doesn't want to work, so they figured why should they make the employees," said Judy Lynes, a spokeswoman for the company.

The closing was ordered for 1,221 Denny's restaurants nationwide. The owners of an additional 421 franchise stores will make their own decisions on the closing, Lynes said.

All the stores in the St. Louis area are owned by the corporation and will be closed, she said. Including those nearest Granite City, in Belleville and Collinsville. The stores will close at 7 p.m. Dec. 24 and re-open at 6 a.m. Dec. 26.

Many other businesses will have special hours during the holidays. They include:

Schnucks stores—All area stores will be closed Christmas Day, Dec. 26 and New Year's Day.

National stores—All stores will be closed Dec. 25, Dec. 26, Jan. 1 and Jan. 2.

Chesterfield Mall—The mall

will be closed Christmas Day, but open New Year's Day. Extended shopping hours will be available Dec. 26 and Dec. 31.

Plaza Fontenac—The mall will be closed Dec. 25, Dec. 26, Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and Jan. 2.

Crestwood Plaza—Closed Christmas Day.

St. Louis Galleria—Closed Christmas Day.

Shop 'n' Save stores—All stores will be closed Dec. 24, Dec. 25 and Dec. 26. No information was available on New Year's weekend.

Yellow Cab—The company will provide complimentary service between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. New Year's Eve for people who have been drinking. The free transportation will be limited to trips from a bar to the person's home.

Walgreen Drug stores—The stores and pharmacies will be open throughout the holiday weekends.

The Gateway Arch—Closed Christmas and New Year's days.

The Anheuser-Busch Brewery—Closed Dec. 24, through Dec. 26 and Dec. 31 through Jan. 2.

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Births

Births recorded at St. Elizabeth Medical Center include:

BOYS

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Taylor of Granite City, Dec. 14, Donald Edward, 8 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Coryell of Pontoon Beach, Dec. 15, Joshua Dale, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Scott of Granite City, Dec. 15, Matthew Kevin, 10 pounds, 7 ounces.

David Hankins name girl Rachel

David and Kathleen (Votoupal) Hankins of Granite City have announced the birth of their daughter, Rachel Anne, who weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

The infant was born Oct. 1 at Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Grandparents are Richard and Dorothy Votoupal of Granite City and Larry Hankins and Betty Jackson, both of Bloomington, Ill.

Great-grandparents are Joseph and Mildred Votoupal of Granite City and Ernesta Bursik of Cicero, Ill.

Hankins is a certified public accountant in Belleville. Mrs. Hawkins is a 1982 graduate of Granite City High School North and is an engineer at Emerson Electric in St. Louis.

Clara Redmond celebrates 90th

A birthday dinner was held Dec. 18 at Ravanelli's Restaurant to honor Clara Redmond on her 90th birthday.

The celebration was given by her daughters, Lillian Matthews of Sun City, Ariz., and Clara Mae Jones of Granite City.

There were 30 guests in attendance.

Out-of-town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Art Long of Orange Beach, Ala.; Dr. and Mrs. Ollie Jones of Lubbock, Texas; Florence Bounds of Mobile, Ala.; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matthews of Sun City, Ariz.

Other guests included: Loraine Parkinson, Isabella Kreher, and Otto and Corrine Kreher, all of Pontoon Beach; Jan and Bob Kastadine and Ted and Lois Nichols, all of St. Louis; Michael Ryan of Wood River; Patricia Jones of Granite City; Sheren Ryan and Gordon Schiffler, both of Wood River; Dave and Rennie Jones of Evansville; Tom and Debbie Jones of Grafton; Kevin and Carol Hutchinson of Wood River; Helen Sears of St. Louis; and Thomas and Gale Williams of Collinsville.

Derek Sanchez marks birthday

Derek Edward Sanchez, son of Mark and Tina Sanchez, celebrated his fourth birthday Nov. 20 at McDonald's Restaurant on Madison Avenue.

"Happy Meals" were served to all the guests, and games were played. Nathan Nesbit, Angela Sanchez and Adam Sanchez were winners.

Cake and ice cream were served after presents were opened by Derek.

Those attending were Angela and Adam Sanchez, Billy Kolliste, Nathan Nesbit, Amanda Davis, Sean McClain, Amy Harper, Kyle Graham, Cindy and Melanie Kaiser, Jordan Hildebrand and Terry Besserman, the honoree's uncle.



JENIFER THOMAS of Granite City was crowned queen of the 1989 S.T.A.R.S. of Illinois Beauty Pageant held Nov. 6 at the Ramada Inn in Belleville. Thomas, 16, is a life-long resident of Granite City and is a sophomore at Granite City High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Thomas of Granite City.

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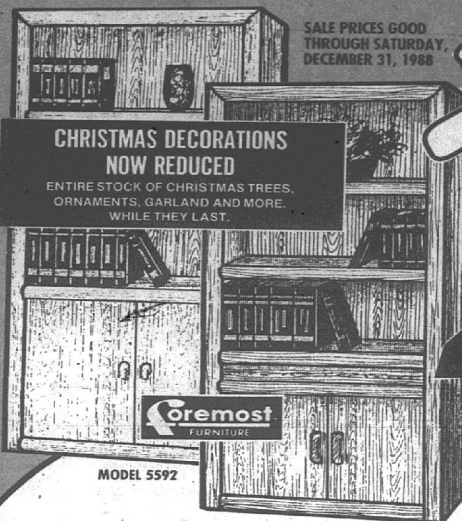
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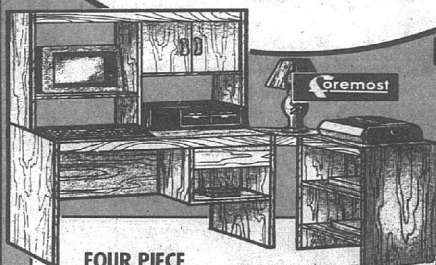
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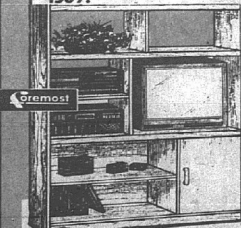


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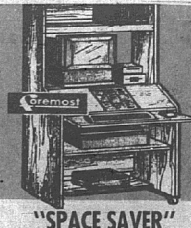


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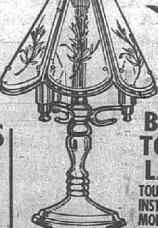
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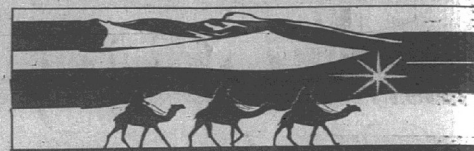
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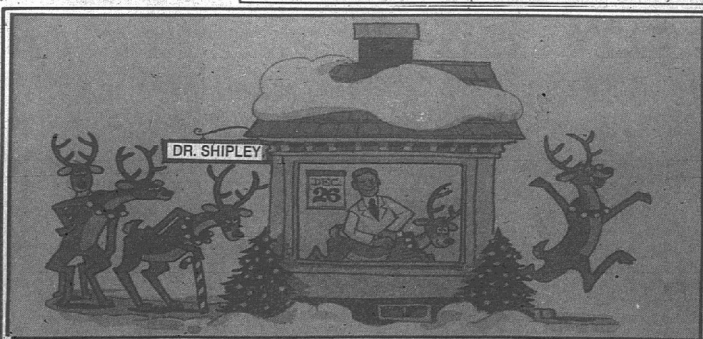
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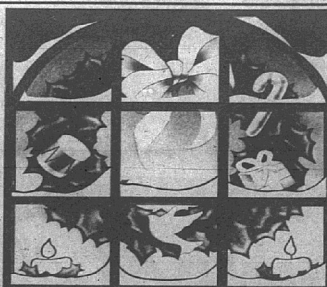
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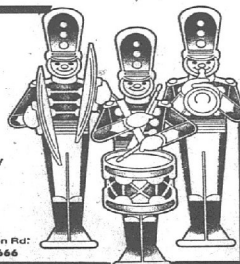
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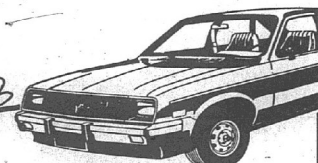
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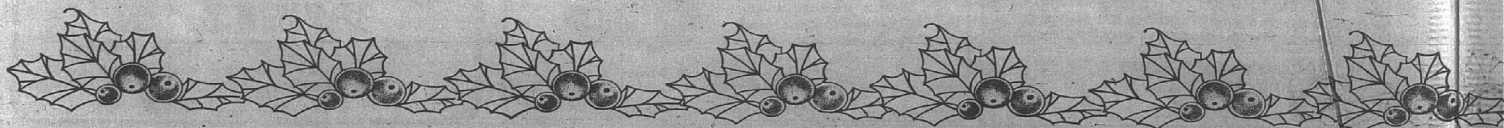
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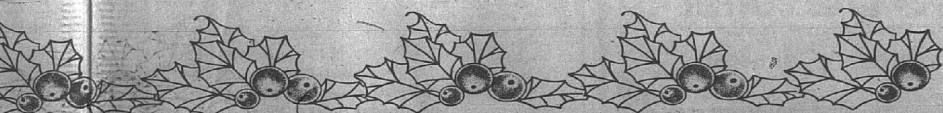
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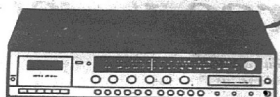
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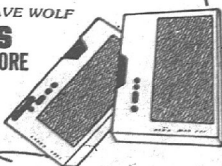
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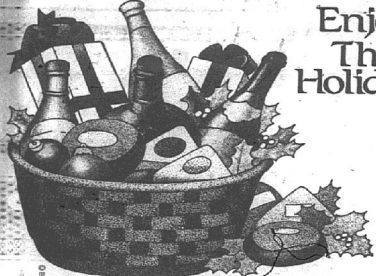


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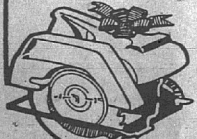
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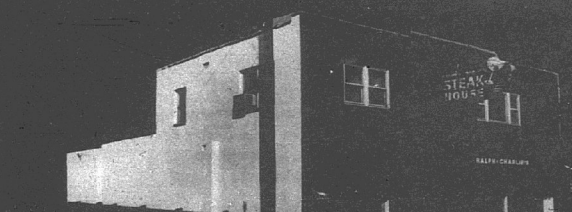
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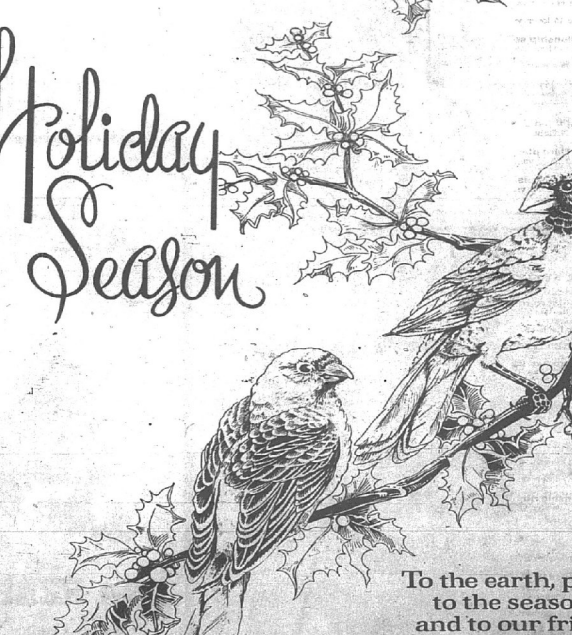


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Collinsville
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Wednesday, Dec. 28

First round
Game 1: Springfield Southeast vs. Edwardsville, 9 a.m.
Game 2: East St. Louis Lincoln vs. Springfield Grizzlies, 10:30 a.m.
Game 3: Lincoln vs. Belleville East, 1 p.m.
Game 4: Jacksonville vs. Jerseyville, 2:30 p.m.
Game 5: Madison vs. Springfield Calvary, 4 p.m.
Game 6: Granite City vs. Quincy, 7 p.m.
Game 7: Collinsville vs. Triad, 8:30 p.m.
Game 8: Decatur MacArthur vs. Crittenden County, 10 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29

Consolation quarterfinals
Game 9: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 9 a.m.
Game 10: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 10:30 a.m.
Game 11: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 12 p.m.
Game 12: Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 1:30 p.m.
Championship quarterfinals
Game 13: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 1 p.m.
Game 14: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 2:30 p.m.
Game 15: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 4 p.m.
Game 16: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 30

Consolation semifinals
Game 17: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 10 a.m.
Game 18: Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 12:30 p.m.
Championship semifinals
Game 19: Game 13 winner vs. Game 14 winner, 1 p.m.
Game 20: Game 15 winner vs. Game 16 winner, 2:30 p.m.
Consolation championship
Game 21: Game 17 winner vs. Game 18 winner, 4 p.m.
Third place
Game 22: Game 19 loser vs. Game 20 loser, 7 p.m.
Championship
Game 23: Game 19 winner vs. Game 20 winner, 8:30 p.m.

Freeburg
Tournament

Monday, Dec. 26

First round
Game 1: Lebanon vs. Collinsville, 10 a.m.
Game 2: Southwestern Plaza vs. New Athens, 11:30 a.m.
Game 3: Columbia vs. Gillespie, 1 p.m.
Game 4: Greenville vs. Waterloo, 2:30 p.m.
Game 5: Red Bud vs. ROTC, 4 p.m.
Game 6: Waterloo Gilchrist vs. Metro East Lutheran, 5:30 p.m.
Game 7: Hillsboro (Mo.) vs. Freeburg, 7 p.m.
Game 8: Vandalia vs. Freeburg, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

Consolation quarterfinals
Game 9: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 10 a.m.
Game 10: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 11:30 a.m.
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Fifth place semifinals
Game 19: Game 13 loser vs. Game 14 loser, 4 a.m.
Game 20: Game 15 loser vs. Game 16 loser, 5:30 p.m.
Championship semifinals
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Game 22: Game 15 winner vs. Game 16 winner, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29

Consolation championship
Game 23: Game 17 winner vs. Game 18 winner, 12 p.m.
Fifth place
Game 24: Game 19 loser vs. Game 20 loser, 4:30 p.m.
Third place
Game 25: Game 21 loser vs. Game 22 loser, 6 p.m.
Championship
Game 26: Game 21 winner vs. Game 22 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Mascoutah
Tournament

Monday, Dec. 26

First round
Game 1: Belleville West vs. East St. Louis Assumption, 8:30 a.m.
Game 2: East St. Louis vs. Belleville Althoff, 11 a.m.
Game 3: Granite City vs. Westolia, 12:30 p.m.
Game 4: Mount Vernon vs. Collinsville, 2 p.m.
Game 5: Belleville East vs. Triad, 4:30 p.m.
Game 6: Centralia vs. Freeburg, 6 p.m.
Game 7: Mascoutah vs. Cahokia, 7:30 p.m.
Game 8: Marion vs. Quincy, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

Consolation quarterfinals
Game 9: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 9:30 a.m.
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Warriors fall one point shy again

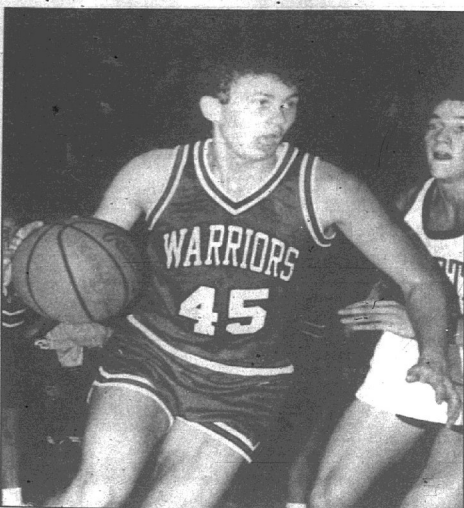
A Christmas Memo: "Dear Santa: When we were little, we made our beds and were nice to our kid brothers. We're still pretty good guys who try to be nice and not naughty. And when we play basketball, we go all out. We give it our best shot, so to speak. So if you stop by Memorial Gymnasium on your annual worldwide venture, Santa, please stuff a little luck in our stockings. We sure could use it, and so could our coach. Oh, and coach could also use a pack of Roloids. Thanks, Santa, and enjoy the milk and cookies."
—The Warrior Basketball Team

By Gary King
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Warrior basketball coach Don Deterding can't decide whether to be pleasantly surprised or chronically depressed. Perhaps Deterding's decision would be a little more clear cut if the Warriors would decide whether they are a real good team or a real good imitation of a good team.

For the second game in succession on Friday, the Warriors were within a gift certificate of an upset. But in a bitter dose of deja vu, Granite City's comeback bid again fell short as the Crimson of Jacksonville snuck out of town with a 58-57 victory. The loss marked the Warriors' second one-point loss in a row. Last Saturday, Granite City dropped a 54-53 verdict to the Collinsville Kahoks.

The pattern Friday was a familiar one, with the Warriors and the Crimson standing toe-to-toe for 32 minutes. During the last five minutes of the game, the lead changed hands numerous times, but neither team shook more than eight points ahead of the other. The pattern was also familiar in that the Warriors had ample chances to win the game in the final minutes. But in a classic case of close-but-not-cigar, a Mike Wilkinson jumper with three seconds on

(Staff photo by Dave Whaley)
JEFF SCHAEFER of the Warriors drives to the basket.

the clock bounced off the back of the rim, sending the ball and Granite City's (5-6) upset hopes crashing down to earth.

Deterding said the familiar scenario — albeit painful — was not without a silver lining. As the Warrior coach saw it, the loss to powerful Jacksonville (8-1) served as somewhat of a bar mitzvah for his gang. "I know we lost, but I think we became men tonight," Deterding said. "Defensively, I

couldn't have asked for any more out of this team. Our biggest problem is simply that we can't get five players playing good on the same night."

"But Jacksonville is a good team. They're physically huge and they play tough. We hung in there and had a chance to win it, and I'm proud of the kids for that." When the two squads last met in November, the Warriors dropped a 55-38 verdict.

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JACKSONVILLE: Conn 16, Bremmington 11, Patsch 10, Myers 8, Bassett 4, Linder 3, Butler 2, Curtis 2, Hoffmann 2, FO-24 (1 3-pointer), FT-9, PF-11.	
GRANITE CITY: Wilkinson 17, VanBuskirk 16 (5 points, 2 3-pointers, 4 15-pointers), Schaefer 2, FO-25 (5 3-pointers), FT-9, PF-13.	

"I thought Granite City played real well tonight," said Crimsons coach Mel Roustio. "They're much improved since we saw them last. I actually think Granite City played harder than we did, especially in the first three quarters."

Leading the Warrior attack were Wilkinson (17 points) and junior point guard John VanBuskirk (16 points, 5 steals). Wilkinson's 8 for 13 shooting and solid floor game mixed with VanBuskirk's continued floor leadership to help Granite City control the tempo for most of the contest.

But the twinkle in Deterding's eye Friday was the product of one Jeff Smith, a 6-7 freshman who emerged from the shadows to give the Granite City offense a much-needed inside weapon. Smith scored six points and pulled down six rebounds in his first starting assignment. He also blocked a shot less than a minute into the contest by Jacksonville star Rick Conn (16 points), who has already signed to play basketball at Wichita State next season.

"The freshman proved he belonged up here tonight," Deterding said. "He did a tremendous job. He did better than I thought he would. And though the first thing he did was very positive when he blocked Conn's shot, he's (Smith's) really revived me. I love to coach with a post-man."

And with Smith joining an otherwise solid starting lineup, Deterding likes the look of the Warriors' horizons. "I'm not glad we lost," the Warrior coach said. "But I'm proud of them as I can be in a defeat."

Schedule

Monday, Dec. 26
BOYS BASKETBALL: Venice vs. Marietta, 8:30 p.m. (Freeburg Holiday Tournament).
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Granite City vs. Westolia, 12:30 p.m. (Mascoutah Holiday Tournament).
Tuesday, Dec. 27
BOYS BASKETBALL: Venice at Freeburg Holiday Tournament, TBA.
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Granite City at Mascoutah Holiday Tournament, TBA.
WRESTLING: Granite City Holiday Tournament concludes, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Scores

Saturday, Dec. 17
BOYS BASKETBALL: Collinsville 54, Granite City 53.
WRESTLING: Granite City 68, House Springs 6 (House Springs Quad).
Granite City 31, Farmington 29 (House Springs Quad).
Granite City 58, Kirkwood 14 (House Springs Quad).
Warriors win House Springs Quad with 155 points.
Monday, Dec. 19
HOCKEY: Parkway Central 13, Granite City 2.

Standings

Southwestern Conference Boys basketball				
Team	Conf.	W	L	Total
East St. Louis	2	0	2	0
Belleville East	2	1	1	4
GRANITE CITY	1	1	3	4
Belleville West	0	3	1	5

Southwestern Conference Girls basketball				
Team	Conf.	W	L	Total
Belleville East	3	0	3	0
Alton	2	2	2	4
East St. Louis	2	2	2	4
GRANITE CITY	1	3	2	4
Collinsville	0	3	3	4

Trojans face top seed at Collinsville

By Jim Woodcock
Staff columnist

Despite an enrollment of only 96 students, Springfield Calvary Academy is big enough in basketball this season to be the top seed in the fifth annual Collinsville Schnucks Holiday Classic.

The Saints received the No. 1 seed over East St. Louis Lincoln (10-1), Jacksonville (8-1) won the No. 3 seed while the host Kahoks, who have dominated given a seed each year, took the fourth seed with a 3-5 record.

The Madison Trojans (1-3) will be given the unenviable task of facing the top-seeded Saints at 4 p.m. on Wednesday. The Granite City Warriors will take on Quincy in another first-round game at 7 p.m. that night.

The tournament will begin with first-round games on Wednesday. Second-round games and first-round consolation games will be played Thursday. The championship round in the winner's and consolation brackets will be played Friday.

The seeds and pairings for the tournament were released one week later than normal due to the reorganization of the field when Chicago Julian pulled out of the event. Crittenden County, replaced the Jaguars and will make its first Classic appearance in the 10 p.m. game Wednesday against Decatur MacArthur.

Opening day matchups, with each team's record through Tuesday, are:
—Game 1: Springfield South-east (4-2) vs. Edwardsville (4-1), 9 a.m.
—Game 2: East St. Louis Lincoln (10-1) vs. Springfield Sacred Heart/Griffin (record unavailable), 10:30 a.m.

—Game 3: Lincoln, Ill. (7-2) vs. Belleville East (2-5), 1 p.m.
—Game 4: Jacksonville (7-1) vs. Jerseyville (2-4), 2:30 p.m.
—Game 5: Springfield Calvary (10-0) vs. MADISON (1-3), 4 p.m.

—Game 6: Quincy (5-3) vs. Granite City (5-5), 7 p.m.

YMCA announces holiday schedule
The Tri-City Area YMCA has announced its gymnasium and pool schedule for the Christmas holidays. The YMCA will close Dec. 31 and reopen on Jan. 3.

WRYT airs games from Collinsville

The Collinsville Holiday Tournament will have several of its games aired live on WRYT (1080-AM) and on Cencom Channel 10.

Tournament games will be aired at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day of the tournament, Wednesday through Friday. WRYT broadcasts will be heard on Cencom Channel 10 each of the three nights.

John Berkeley, WRYT sports director, will head up the play-by-play along with Mike Blackshire. Color commentators will include John Hill and Jeff Sternaman.

—Game 7: Collinsville (3-5) vs. Triad (1-6), 8:30 p.m.
—Game 8: Decatur MacArthur (4-3) vs. Crittenden County (2-4), 10 p.m.

The top-seeded Saints, who have defeated Collinsville and Lincoln, Ill., already this season, are led by versatile junior guard Rennie Clemens. The WCAA Division I prospect was an all-tournament selection last season after leading the field in scoring and assists.

Second-seeded East St. Louis Lincoln, which has lost in the title game the past two tournaments, is led by 6-6 junior Cuzzo Martin. Martin is averaging just over 30 points per game for the defending Class AA champions two years running.

The only loss the Tigers have suffered this season was a one-point decision against Louisville Ballard, the defending Kentucky state champs, in the TUP/RMOX Shootout held recently in Kiel Auditorium.

The only defeat on third-seeded Jacksonville's record came against the Lincoln Railplitters, who have won the past three tournaments here. Jacksonville will attempt to shake its tourney jinx with low post strength pro-

bers, but must pay guest fees of \$2 for youths up to age 17 or \$5 for adults 18 and older.

Swimming pool schedule
Dec. 27 and 29: 6 to 9 a.m., adult lap; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., adult lap; 2 to 4 p.m., youth swim; 5 to 6:30 p.m., adult lap; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., family swim. Dec. 28 and 30: 6 to 9 a.m., adult lap; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., adult lap; 2 to 4 p.m., youth swim; 4 to 5:30 p.m., swim team; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., adult lap; 6:30 to 10 p.m., family and adult swim. Dec. 31: 10 a.m. to noon, adult lap.

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Marketing Director Len Massa said this is the time of year to double-check everything.

"Most of these are no-cost or low-cost precautions you can take to keep the bills down and the cold out," Massa said. "We estimate that consumers can save 25 percent on their energy bills by having a professional check the home for proper insulation."

Here are his top 10 tips for energy saving:

- 1) Ceilings: Since heat rises, the biggest loss of heat is through ceilings. Even a little bit of insulation in the attic is better than none. Fiberglass insulation, 6 inches thick (R19), is sufficient. No more than 12 inches (R30) is recommended.

- 2) Proper functioning of heating and cooling appliances: Even a refrigerator can be pulling too much electricity during the winter. Checking all appliances for proper settings is a good way to reduce costs.

- 3) Windows: One of the big energy losers is a window. Proper insulation of the water heater will also cut costs. If the water heater is in a cold place, it has to run constantly to keep it up to the 120-degree mark. It just can't keep up with a 40-degree basement temperature, Massa said. So, give it an inexpensive insulation jacket.

- 4) Crawl space: The area between the ground and the floor boards is a place for heat to escape and the cold to get in. Checking for insulation may not be easy if there is no easy access point, but putting in insulation will cut costs.

- 5) Weather stripping: Stripping that has been on the home for a long time can deteriorate. "If you add up the tiny cracks" within, you come up with some pretty wide holes for heat to escape," Massa said. "Putting in new stripping will help prevent more heat loss."

- 6) Caulking: Windows and door frames in older homes may have cracks that come with age or settling of the foundation. Caulking can stop the loss of heat.

- 7) Pipes: Wrapping hot water pipes with fiberglass insulation can reduce the costs by keeping

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- 9) Temperature adjustments: The Department of Energy recommends consumers set heaters at 68 degrees during winter months. For every degree under 70 degrees a thermostat is set, there is a 3-percent saving on the energy bill.

- 10) Adjust to cold: Wearing warmer clothes at home can make the transition to 68 degrees a lot more comfortable. Illinois Power will also perform an energy-consumption history on a home for free.

"We'll be looking at the history of the home and show homeowners how they could save energy and money," Massa said. "They can call any of our offices, and we will send someone out."

VP Fair Committee still awaits \$150,000 from visitors group

By Craig A. Martin
Staff affiliate

The St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission still owes the VP Fair Committee \$150,000 for the 1989 fair, and VP Fair officials say they need the money.

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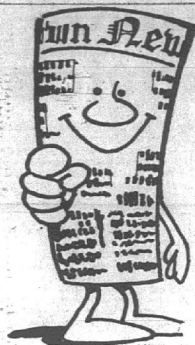
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